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TO SACS DALLAS
NEW YORK

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

BILLIE SOL ²ESTES, ITSP DASH BRIBERY.

THE LOCAL PRESS TODAY QUOTES JOHN C. WHITE, STATE COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE, AUSTIN, TEXAS, AS SAYING THAT WALTER C. BERGER, FIRST ARRANGED FOR BILLIE SOL ESTES TO STORE GOVERNMENT OWNED GRAIN. BERGER IS FORMER ADMINISTRATOR OF THE COMMODITY STABILIZATION SERVICE, USDA, AND IS NOW AFFILIATED WITH COMMERCIAL SOLVENTS CORPORATION. DALLAS IMMEDIATELY INTERVIEW WHITE AND SUTEL BUREAU AND NEW YORK MAY EIGHTEEN, NEXT. UPON RECEIPT OF RESULTS FROM DALLAS, NEW YORK INSTRUCTED TO IMMEDIATELY INTERVIEW BERGER IN THIS REGARD AND SUTEL BY MAY NINETEEN, NEXT. CONDUCT ALL INTERVIEWS DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS. EL PASO ADVISED BY AIRMAIL.

1 - El Paso (AM)

REC-12

29-28704-506

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Belmont (5) _____
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Sullivan _____
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URGENT 5-17-62 10-49 PM NH
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May 18, 1962

Airtel

1 - Mr. Thompson
1 - Mr. O'Keefe

To: SAC, Washington Field

From: Director, FBI

BILLIE SOL ESTES
ITSP - BRIBERY

In line with our continuing investigation of this matter, WFO should give consideration to checking with the Department of Agriculture to ascertain if their telephone operator maintains a log or record of outgoing long distance telephone calls.

In the event such a log or record is kept, it should be checked for any record of calls placed to any of the following listed numbers at Pecos, Texas, for the period January 1, 1958, to the present:

445-2507	Estes residence
445-3317	Estes residence
445-5707	Estes residence
445-3807	Private, unlisted number at Estes Enterprises
445-4916	Billie Sol Estes Enterprises
445-4917	Billie Sol Estes Enterprises
445-4918	Billie Sol Estes Enterprises

In event such records are not kept by United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) or for any reason Department of Agriculture appears reluctant to furnish these records, Bureau should be advised.

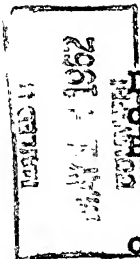
In event records are made available, a summary of any calls appearing therein to any of the above listed telephone numbers should be submitted to the Bureau by airtel by 5/21/62. Report reflecting this investigation should be submitted to Bureau by 5/22/62.

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Date: June 19, 1962

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plain text or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (29-28704)
 FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (87-7949)
 SUBJECT: BILSOL
 OO: WASHINGTON FIELD

Re Dallas airtel to the Director 6/15/62, and
 report of SA [redacted] dated 5/16/62 at El Paso. 505

Please correct Page 12, reference report, Item
 2, to read - Purchase Money Mortgage - rather than purchase
 money motion.

Also Page 14, Item 1, should read - purchase
 money mortgage - rather than purchase money order.

3 - Bureau
 1 - Dallas (29-1096)
 1 - Baltimore (87-7234)
 1 - Chicago (87-18977)
 1 - Detroit (87-10266)
 1 - El Paso (29-351)
 1 - Indianapolis (87-9632)
 1 - Los Angeles (87-15971)
 1 - New York (87-26066)
 1 - Washington Field (87-8242)
 1 - Minneapolis
 RNP:ebk
 (13)

NOT RECORDED
 16 JUN 21 1962

JUN 27 1962

CC: Wick

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____

Special Agent in Charge

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.**

To: **FBI, Dallas (58-188)**

Date: **May 16, 1962**

Re: **BILLIE SOL ESTES; et al.
BRIBERY, COI**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

REC-1 29-28704-508
FBI File No. D-394818 JB
Lab. No.

Examination requested by: **Dallas**

Reference: **Letter 5/11/62**

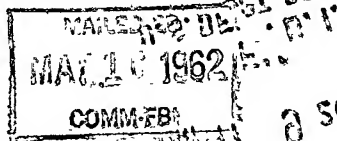
Examination requested: **Document**

Remarks:

It will be necessary to resubmit the original document, Q4, in the event testimony is anticipated in order that photomicrographs may be prepared.

Enclosures (4) (Q4, Q5, 2 Lab report)

1 - Washington Field Office (87-8242) Enclosure (Lab report)



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REPORT of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: FBI, Dallas

Date:

May 16, 1962

Re: BILLIE SOL ESTES; et al.
BRIBERY, COI

FBI File No.

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Lab. No.

D-394813 JB

Specimens received 5/14/62

Q4 Neiman-Marcus of Dallas, Texas, sales ticket number 64417-12

Q5 Handwritten letter dated 9/23/61, addressed to Neiman-Marcus,
Dallas, Texas, signed b6
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Result of examination:

The striations produced by the penciled lines in the numerals "2" and "6" in the two entries in the column headed "Quan." of Q4 indicate that the numerals "6" were written over the numerals "2."

Specimens Q4 and Q5 are returned herewith. Photographs are retained for any future comparisons that might be desired.

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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (29-28704)
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

DATE: 5/11/62

FROM : SAC, DALLAS (58-188) (P)

SUBJECT: BILLIE SOL ESTES; ET AL
BRIBERY, COI

(OO: DALLAS)

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There are enclosed original Neiman-Marcus, Dallas, Texas sales ticket number 64417-12 dated 10/5/61. in the name [redacted] Va." and original handwritten letter dated September 23, 1961 at McLean, Virginia. to Neiman-Marcus, Dallas, Texas, signed [redacted] Va."

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With reference to the sales ticket it is pointed out that in the "Quantity" column the figure "2" was written and then was over written by the figure "6", or vice versa. It is requested the Laboratory conduct examination of this document in an effort to determine which figure was written first.

The 9/23/61 handwritten letter being forwarded at this time since it is possible known handwriting will be submitted by the Washington Field Office for comparison with the handwriting in this letter.

The enclosed documents should be returned to Dallas when they are no longer needed by the FBI Laboratory.

ESTES MAY HAVE SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

3-Bureau (Enc. 2) (RM)
1-WFO (87-8242) (Info)
2-Dallas
GCT:sah
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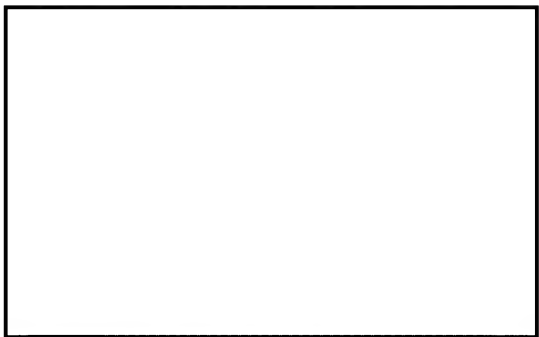
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[Handwritten signatures and initials]

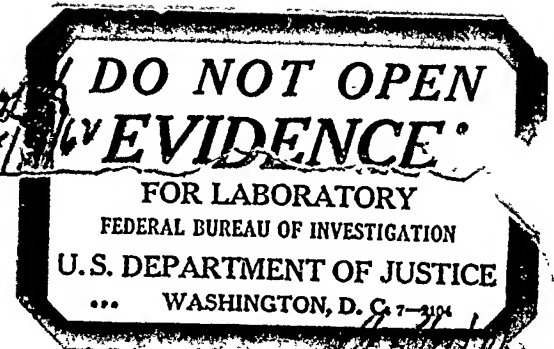


ENCLOSURES TO BUREAU: (2)
(29-28704)

Sales ticket #64417-12, dated 10/5/61 and letter dated
9/23/61.

DL 58-188

Dallas letter dated 5/11/62.



29-28704-508

RECEIVED

POSTMASTER - IF UNDELIVERED, RETURN AT ONCE, POSTAGE GUARANTEED.

Neiman-Marcus

DALLAS 1,
TEXAS

64417-12

0
1351
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[Redacted Address Box]

[Redacted City Box]

STATE

DEPT.	SALES NO.	DATE	KIND OF SALE	IF C.O.D. COLLECT
M	100/10/15	10/15	CHG. 000	

CHARGE TO

M

STREET

CITY

SECTION	CLASS	QUAN.	ARTICLE	PRICE	AMOUNT
352	1	6	SHIRTS IN	1695	10170
352	1	6	SHIRTS OUT	1695	10170
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			S/2E		
			39128		

OFFICE COPY

AUTH. SIGNATURE

IT IS AGREED THIS AND ALL SUBSEQUENT CHARGES ARE PAYABLE IN DALLAS, TEXAS

PURCHASED BY

DELIVERY CHARGES INCLUDE POSTAGE, PACKING, HANDLING AND INSURANCE.

AUDITOR'S VOUCHER

DEPT.	SALES NO.	DATE	KIND OF SALE	AMT. RECD.	AMT. SALE
M	100/10/15	10/15	CHG. 200	200	000

64417-12

NEIMAN-MARCUS
DALLAS 1, TEXAS

Sept. 23 1961

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Neelam Marcus
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sirs,

I recently received these shirts from your store, but they are the wrong size. I would like to exchange them for 15-32. If you do not have them in that size, I would like you to send another type of ^{white} shirt with a short tub collar in the correct size. If the other shirts are not of the same value you could make it up by sending extra shirts, so there would not have to be any money refunded.

Thank you very much.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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 Belmont ☒
 Mohr ☒
 Callahan ☒
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 DeLoach ☒
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 Rosen ☒
 Sullivan ☒
 Tavel ☒
 Trotter ☒
 Tele. Room ☒
 Holmes ☒
 Gandy ☒

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: May 17, 1962

FROM : A. Rosen *hgr*
 SUBJECT: **BILLIE SOL ESTES
 INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF
 STOLEN PROPERTY - BRIBERY**

In view of the expressed interest of the McClellan Committee in the Estes case and the hearings which they will hold in this matter, which we understand are tentatively set for the end of this month, we have selected three Agents of the Washington Field Office who are acceptable as liaison with this Committee. They are Special Agents H. Branch Wood, SA Robert E. Torrence, and [redacted] the latter two being Accountants. A short note concerning each Agent is contained herein.

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It is recommended that SA Harry Branch Wood be designated as liaison Agent. He EOD'd 6/15/42, is presently in GS-13, and has been assigned to Washington Field since 1/15/62. Prior to that time he was on special assignment to the House Appropriations Committee since 6/29/59. He is a member of the Virginia State and Federal Bars and has been admitted to practise before the U. S. Supreme Court. He presents a mature, excellent appearance and is well versed in Bureau procedures, having been a supervisor at the Seat of Government from 1/3/52 to 8/25/58. He gets along especially well with people, has been able to handle most involved types of cases, and personally is able to handle contacts and persons of all types. His transfer to Detroit in 1958 was due to the fact that he was not completely available for administrative advancement. This action in no way constituted any reflection upon his loyalty or ability as an Agent and since then he was assigned on special assignment to the House Appropriations Committee in 1959.

It is recommended that SA Wood be designated as the liaison Agent and that Agents [redacted] and Torrence be alternates when needed. If approved this action will immediately be taken.

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- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. Callahan
- 1 - Mr. Evans
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach

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Memo to Mr. Belmont from A. Rosen

With reference to SA (A) [redacted] and is currently a GS-13. He has been assigned to Washington Field [redacted] and is a fully qualified accountant handling principally bribery, anti-trust tort claims and fraud against the Government investigations. He has been described as a mature and experienced Agent, capable of handling complicated accounting cases. During the last three rating periods he has received ratings of excellent and has been commended on several occasions for outstanding performances. He has had no recent administrative action taken against him.

With reference to SA (A) Robert E. Torrence, he EOD'd 12/1/41 as a fingerprint classifier and after military leave from 8/7/43 to 2/4/46, EOD'd as a Special Agent in 1948 and is currently in GS-13. He has been assigned to the Washington Field since 12/2/50 and while being qualified as an accountant has served principally as liaison Agent with local banking institutions. He is described as a mature and experienced Agent who presents an outstanding personal appearance and is considered most effective in personal and official contacts. He has received ratings of excellent on his last three efficiency reports and has had no recent administrative action taken against him.

OK to be prepared, ✓
but we should
not 'force' our
decision on the
Committee

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We can be prepared
but it would be better
to spend our efforts getting
investigative results such
as McJehlan Committee
has already done & in only a
short while. H

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Mr. Malone	_____
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Mr. Tavel	_____
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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

URGENT 5-18-62 5-06 PM 2 P VLR
TO DIRECTOR FBI, SACS, DALLAS, WASHINGTON FIELD, AND EL PASO
FROM SAC, RICHMOND 58-185
BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL
BRIBERY, CONFLICT OF INTEREST
OO DALLAS
REBUTEL MAY SEVENTEEN LAST.

Working

FAA WASHINGTON NATIONAL AIRPORT, ARLINGTON, VA., ADVISES
AIRCRAFT FLIGHT PLANS ARE FILED AT POINT OF DEPARTURE REFLECTING
DESTINATION AND ROUTE. THESE RECORDS MAINTAINED BY FAA AT
PLACE WHERE FILED FOR THIRTY DAYS AND THEN DESTROYED.
IDENTIFICATION NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT MUST BE KNOWN TO LOCATE
RECORDS AND WHEN FOUND, RECORDS WOULD NOT IDENTIFY ANY
PASSENGERS IN THE PLANE.

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IF IT IS DESIRED THESE RECORDS AT WNA BE REVIEWED FOR _____

9 MAY 22 1962
"LAST THIRTY DAYS, DALLAS FURNISH IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON _____
ESTES PLANE.

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[redacted] VA., ADVISED SHE IS FRIEND OF ESTES, AND ALTHOUGH
SHE HAD NOTHING TO CONCEAL, [redacted]

[redacted] DC, HAD ADVISED
HER TO REFER TO HIM ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING HER ASSOCIATION
WITH ESTES. SHE HAD NO OBJECTION TO BEING INTERVIEWED IF
IT WAS AGREEABLE WITH [redacted]

WASH DC FIELD MAY DESIRE TO CONTACT [redacted] TO
DETERMINE HIS ATTITUDE TOWARD AN INTERVIEW.

END AND ACK IN ORDER PLEASE

2- WA 6-1 PM OK FBI WA RAC

DL OK FBI DL EEA

EP OK FBI EP JRH

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*Sing's house WFO
instructed to follow through
5/21/62 WBU*

*Ent. 5/21/62
+ authorized interview
if same person in previous follow-up*

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URGENT 5-18-62 12-36 PM PDT PAK

TO DIRECTOR, FBI /29-28704/ AND SAC, LOUISVILLE
FROM SAC, SAN FRANCISCO /58-335/ 1P

BILLIE SOL ESTES, AKA., ET AL, ITSP., BRIBERY., COI.

RE WASHINGTON FIELD AIRTEL TO BUREAU MAY SIXTEEN LAST.

MAJOR GENERAL RODERIC L. HILL, ADJUTANT GENERAL, CALIFORNIA
NATIONAL GUARD, PRESENTLY AT FORT KNOX, KENTUCKY IN GROUP OF LT.
GENERAL JOHN RYAN, COMMANDER, SIXTY ARMY. NOT SCHEDULED TO RETURN
TO SACRAMENTO UNTIL POSSIBLY FIRST OF NEXT WEEK OR LATE IN WEEKEND.

LOUISVILLE REQUESTED CONTACT MAJOR GENERAL HILL AND DETERMINE
IF DR. JAMES T. RALPH WAS IN CONTACT WITH HIM ON WEEKEND FEBRUARY
THIRTEEN LAST AND PURPOSE OF ANY CONTACT.

FOR INFO OF LOUISVILLE, DR. RALPH ADVISED AGENTS OF WASHINGTON
FIELD THAT HE FLEW TO LOS ANGELES ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY THIRTEEN LAST,
FOR PURPOSE OF SEEING LONGTIME FRIENDS WHO WERE CONCERNED WITH HIS
WELFARE. ON THIS FLIGHT HE WORE HIS UNIFORM AND WENT ON PERSONAL AND
NATIONAL GUARD BUSINESS. STATED IS MEMBER OF CALIFORNIA NATIONAL
GUARD.

ESTES REPORTED TO HAVE SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

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WA 3-40 PM OK FBI WA GRAM

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URGENT 5-18-62 4-45PM EST ESC

TO DIRECTOR, FBI /29-28704/ AND SAC, DALLAS /58-188/
FROM SAC, ATLANTA /87-8671/ 3P

BILLIE SOL^E ESTVS, AKA, ET AL, BRIBERY, CONFLICT OF
INTEREST. OO- DALLAS.

RE DALLAS TELETYPE TO BUREAU, FIVE, EIGHTEEN,
SIXTYTWO.

ASC'S OFFICE LOCATED IN ATHENS, GEORGIA. ON MAY
EIGHTEEN, SIXTYTWO, [REDACTED] HENRY GRADY
HOTEL, ATLANTA, ADVISED RECORDS, HENRY GRADY HOTEL, REFLECT
REGISTRATION, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TEXAS, FIRM NAMED ESTES
ENT. [REDACTED] CHECKED INTO THE HOTEL AT [REDACTED]

HE WAS ASSIGNED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AT TWELVE DOLLARS PER DAY.

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PAGE TWO

HENRY GRADY PORTFOLIO NUMBER SIX ONE NINE ZERO THREE REFLECTS TOTAL BILLING TO [REDACTED] OF THIRTYSEVEN DOLLARS AND EIGHTYEIGHT CENTS, CONSISTING OF THREE DAYS ROOM, RENT, TWELVE DOLLARS PER DAY, PLUS THREE PER CENT TAX, FOUR LOCAL TELEPHONE CALLS. NO LD TELEPHONE CALLS NOTED ON [REDACTED] BILL.

[REDACTED] ADVISED ALL LOCAL TELEPHONE CALL RECORDS HAVE SINCE BEEN DESTROYED.

RECORDS, HENRY GRADY, REFLECT REGISTRATION, THEIR

[REDACTED] EMERY E. JACOBS, ONE SIX ONE ZERO PARK RD., NW, WASHINGTON, D. C., FIRM NAMED U. S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE. JACOBS CHECKED INTO HENRY GRADY AT FOUR FORTYTHREE A.M., THREE, TWENTYSEVEN, SIXTYONE, AND CHECKED OUT OF HOTEL AT TEN SIXTEEN AM, THREE, TWENTYEIGHT, SIXTYONE. HE WAS ASSIGNED HOTEL ROOM ONE FOUR FOUR EIGHT, EIGHT DOLLARS AND TWENTYFIVE CENTS PER DAY. TOTAL BILLING, PORTFOLIO NUMBER SEVEN TWO SEVEN ONE SIX, OF EIGHTEEN DOLLARS CONSISTING OF TWO DAYS ROOM, RENT AT EIGHT DOLLARS AND TWENTYFIVE CENTS, PLUS THREE PER CENT TAX, AND FIVE LOCAL TELEPHONE CALLS AMOUNTING

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PAGE THREE

TO ONE DOLLAR. NO RECORD LOCATED HENRY GRADY DURING THE YEAR
SIXTYONE FOR A DR. JAMES T. RALPH OR FOR A WILLIAM E. MORRIS.
ESTES MAY HAVE SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

END ACK

WA ⁵⁻⁵² 7-52 PM OK FBI WA NH

~~WHAT TIME WA SORRY 5-52~~

~~TU DL NEED CORR FOR PG 2 LINES 9&10 PLS~~

~~PAGE 2 LINE 9 AND 10~~

~~/NUMBER SIX SEVEN SIX THREE THREE, EMERY E. JACOBS, ONE SIX ONE
ZERO PARK RD., NEXX NW, WASHINGTON, D. C., FIRM NAMED U. S. DEPT. /
FIRST TWO WDS OF LINE 11 THEN PLS
OF AGRICULTURE.~~

OK FBI DL EEA TU

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MA 5/18
8/5 P
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URGENT 5-18-62 5-59 PM

TO DIRECTOR, FBI /29-28704/ AND SAC, SAN FRANCISCO /58-335/
FROM SAC, LOUISVILLE /58-74/ 1 P

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL, BRIBERY DASH COI. OO DALLAS.

RE SAN FRANCISCO TELETYPE TO BUREAU, TODAY.

MAJOR GENERAL RODERICK L. HILL, ADJUTANT GENERAL,
CALIF. NATIONAL GUARD, ADVISED HE HAS HAD NO PERSONAL
CONTACT WITH DR. JAMES T. RALPH DURING NINETEEN SIXTY
TWO. WEEK OF FEBRUARY ELEVENTH, LAST WAS AT FT. ORD,
CALIF. RECEIVED NO PHONE CALL FROM RALPH DURING WEEK.
HAS HAD SEVERAL PHONE CONVERSATIONS WITH RALPH SINCE
FIRST OF YEAR BUT ALL HAVE CONCERNED NATIONAL GUARD BUSINESS.

DR. RALPH IS ON GENERAL HILL-S STAFF AND HAS
CONDUCTED LIASON WITH NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU AT PENTAGON
FOR HILL. GENERAL HILL FLYING TO SACRAMENTO, EIGHT THIRTY
A.M. TOMORROW AND CAN BE CONTACTED AT HIS OFFICE MONDAY
MORNING, NEXT:

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI /29-28704/ ATTN---GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIV
AND SACS, WFO /87-8242/ AND MOBILE
FROM SAC, DALLAS /58-188/ 1-P

BILLIE SOL ESTES, AKA., ETAL. BRIBERY DASH CONFLICT OF INTEREST.
RE DALLAS TEL INCLUDING MOBILE, TODAY. AND MOBILE TELEPHONE CALL
TO DALLAS TODAY.

IN CALL, MOBILE INQUIRED WHETHER R. C. BAMBERG, STATE
COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE, ALABAMA, SUBSCRIBER TO UNION TOWN,
ALA., TELEPHONE CALLED BY RALPH, SEPT. TWO, SIXTYONE, FROM RESIDENCE
TELEPHONE, PER CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, SHOULD BE INTERVIEWED.

UACB, MOBILE INTERVIEW BAMBERG TO DETERMINE HIS ACQUAINTANCE
WITH RALPH, PURPOSES OF ANY CONTACTS, INTERCESSION BY RALPH OR ANY
OTHER USDA OFFICIAL ON BEHALF OF ESTES IN RE GRAIN STORAGE COTTON
ALLOTMENTS, FERTILIZER BUSINESS OR OTHERWISE, KNOWLEDGE OF ANY GIFTS,
GRATUITIES TO RALPH OR OTHER GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL. MOBILE SEE
DALLAS AIRTEL TO ALL OFFICES, MAY FIFTEEN LAST.

AT TIME OF TELEPHONE CALL, RALPH WAS ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF
AGRICULTURE AND HAD SUPERVISION OF ASCS.

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TO: DIRECTOR AND SAC RICHMOND

FROM: SAC, WFO (87-8242)

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL, BRIBERY; CONFLICT OF INTEREST,
OO DALLAS.

ON MAY SIXTEEN LAST DR. JAMES T. RALPH, FORMER ASSISTANT
SECRETARY, USDA, EXECUTED SIGNED SWORN STATEMENT IN WHICH HE
STATED HE WAS FIRED FROM HIS POSITION BY SECRETARY FREEMAN ON
FEBRUARY SIXTEEN SIXTYTWO. HOWEVER, IT WAS AGREED THAT HE WOULD
HAVE A WEEK BEFORE HIS RESIGNATION WAS ANNOUNCED TO SEEK PRIVATE
EMPLOYMENT. ACCORDING TO DR. RALPH, SECRETARY FREEMAN ANNOUNCED
HIS RESIGNATION PREMATURELY ON FEBRUARY TWENTY SIXTYTWO. IN THE
SIGNED SWORN STATEMENT, DR. RALPH ADVISED THAT FOLLOWING NOTICE
THAT HE WAS TO BE FIRED THAT MORRIS MADE AVAILABLE TO HIM A

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TELEPHONE CREDIT CARD NUMBER AND ADVISED HIM, DR. RALPH, THAT HE COULD USE THIS CARD TWO OR THREE TIMES TO MAKE CALLS IN CONNECTION WITH OBTAINING OTHER EMPLOYMENT. DR. RALPH STATED HE DOES NOT RECALL AT THE TIME THAT HE KNEW WHO WAS OWNER OF THE TELEPHONE CREDIT CARD NUMBER.

ON MAY SEVENTEEN LAST DR. RALPH EXECUTED SIGNED SWORN STATEMENT IN WHICH HE CORRECTED AND SUPPLEMENTED PREVIOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING THE TELEPHONE CREDIT CARD NUMBER WHICH WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO HIM BY MORRIS. HE ADVISED IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENT THAT ^{IN HIS PRIOR STATEMENT THE FACT} HE HAS NOT TO DATE REQUESTED OR RECEIVED A BILL FROM MORRIS FOR THE TELEPHONE CALLS WAS INCORRECT AND THAT HE SAW MORRIS IN HIS OFFICE ON OR ABOUT MARCH TWENTY SIXTYTWO AND ASKED FOR A SETTLEMENT OF THE TELEPHONE CALLS MADE ON THE CREDIT CARD NUMBER WHICH MORRIS HAD GIVEN HIM. AT THIS TIME MORRIS INFORMED RALPH THAT THE TELEPHONE CREDIT CARD WAS MADE OUT TO ESTES AND HIS, MORRIS, WIFE HAD USE OF IT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE COLUMN (NEWSPAPER) SHE WROTE. MORRIS SAID HE HAD ASKED ESTES FOR A STATEMENT OF THE CALLS MADE BY RALPH BUT HAD NOT RECEIVED A BILL.

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RICHMOND IS REQUESTED TO TELEPHONICALLY CONTACT WILLIAM E. MORRIS, THREE EIGHT ZERO SIX BASIL ROAD, MC LEAN, VIRGINIA, AND ATTEMPT TO INTERVIEW HIM CONCERNING THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH HE MADE ESTES TELEPHONE CREDIT CARD NUMBER AVAILABLE TO RALPH. IT IS POINTED OUT FOR THE RICHMOND OFFICE THAT MORRIS

[REDACTED] D. C., HAS REFUSED TO

MAKE MORRIS AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW IN ESTES INVESTIGATION.

SUTEL BUREAU AND WFO RESULTS OF CONTACT WITH MORRIS.

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TO DIRECTOR, 29-28704 AND SACS DALLAS 58-188 AND WFO 87 8262
FROM SAC, RICHMOND 58 185
BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL.
BRIBERY , COI. OO DALLAS.

RE WASHINGTON FIELD TEL FIVE NINETEEN SIXTYTWO.

[REDACTED] CONTACTED BY PHONE. SHE ADVISED
THAT SUBJECT MORRIS NOT AT HOME, BUT WOULD CONTACT AGENT WHEN
HE RETURNED.

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SHORT TIME LATER [REDACTED] CONTACTED AGENT
AND ADVISED THAT SUBJECT MORRIS HAS BEEN SUBPOENAED TO APPEAR
BEFORE SENATE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE ON FIVE TWENTY ONE NEXT
AND IN VIEW OF THIS, HE DECLINED TO ALLOW MORRIS TO BE INTER-
VIEWED RE ANY PHASE THIS CASE.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI /29-28704/ AND SAC, EL PASO /29-351/
FROM SAC, MINNEAPOLIS /87-7949/ /1 PAGE

REMYTEL MAY FOURTEEN, LAST, CONCERNING [REDACTED]

TODAY THE MANAGER OF THE AMBASSADOR MOTEL, MINNEAPOLIS,
ADVISED THAT [REDACTED] REGISTERED AGAIN MAY FIFTEEN, LAST,
HOWEVER, THIS TIME HE LISTED HIS RESIDENCE AS [REDACTED] MINN.

ABOVE FOR INFORMATION. UACB, NO INVESTIGATION BEING
CONDUCTED HERE.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (29-28704)

FROM : SAC, DALLAS (29-1096) (P)

SUBJECT: BILLIE SOL ESTES; ETAL
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Re telephone call to Dallas, 5/5/62, from Mr. WELTE, Supervisor, Bureau.

On 5/4/62, a conference was held at Dallas, attended by USA HAROLD B. SANDERS, AUSA [redacted] NDT, Dallas, Texas; AUSA [redacted] WDT, El Paso, Texas; and SA's [redacted] El Paso Office, and RAYMOND C. ECKENRODE, Dallas Office.

As a result of the conference, it was concluded by the respective USA offices that following additional prosecutive action should be entertained in this matter:

Investigation will be extended to establish substantive violations of Section 2314, Title 18, USC, on the part of subject MC SPADDEN, as well as ROBERT E. CLEMENTS, Amarillo, Texas, the former owner of Superior Manufacturing Co. (Superior) for purposes of indictment in the NDT.

AUSA [redacted] of opinion successful prosecution can be had in WDT as to MC SPADDEN re conspiracy count but no consideration can be given to substantive violations of Section 2314 in that district on part of MC SPADDEN since fraudulent contracts were generated by him within NDT.

Investigation by Dallas has established considerable prima facie evidence that CLEMENTS engaged in similar scheme as

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that already alleged with respect to discounting of fraudulent sales contracts during the period he owned Superior (prior to 5/1/60). In addition, at the time he sold Superior to MC SPADDEN, ETAL, he received \$382,000 cash as partial consideration for his interest in Superior, which funds were derived from spurious discounted sales contracts, said scheme being initiated with his knowledge and assistance. Contracts in question included several signed by

[redacted] Texas and currently residing [redacted] Okla., and one [redacted] Davis Propane and Dick's Propane, Fowler, Colo.

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Texas, has advised Dallas agents he will provide vital information re this scheme and acquisition of Superior but cooperation conditioned on complete immunity from prosecution for [redacted] Both USA offices, Dallas and El Paso, presently have this proposal under advisement.

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In view of the above, and other pertinent developments, considerable investigation remains for Dallas in instant ITSP matter.

USA SANDERS desires interviews with all individuals whose names appear as purported purchasers on contracts generated by MC SPADDEN for use in indictment to be returned in the NDT, alleging substantive violations, Sec. 2314, by MC SPADDEN. Based on information available, 8 different individuals and/or firms signed contracts for MC SPADDEN, aggregating in excess \$2,000,000. Three of these purchasers have been interviewed previously, two successfully: the third, [redacted] Texas, [redacted] MC SPADDEN, declining interview.

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Inasmuch as original investigation initiated by El Paso was restricted to securing copies of finance companies' loan packages on a limited number of transactions, it will be necessary for recontact with all finance companies to secure loan packages on MC SPADDEN generated contracts. Based on prior experience concluded in by USA, Dallas, it is considered desirable and advantageous that such loan packages be available for display to purported purchasers at time interviews conducted. This phase of investigation, as well as that noted below, will be initiated immediately.

USA, Dallas, also desires records of MC SPADDEN, dba. Associated Growers, be reviewed, which records are reportedly

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now in possession of [redacted] Texas, b6
[redacted] MC SPADDEN under Section 11, b7C
of the National Bankruptcy Act, and arrangement proceeding.
It is the opinion of USA SANDERS that such records possibly
cannot be produced voluntarily by [redacted] and consequently, consideration
might of necessity be given to issuance of a search warrant or
GJ subpoena in order to gain access to them. Also, USA SANDERS
inclined not to act hastily in this regard.

Further, in view of allegations implicating CLEMENTS,
investigation must now be broadened to secure necessary evidence
for prosecution. Such investigation will include in part review
of finance companies' records for fraudulent records bearing
his signature as an official of Superior prior to 5/1/60.
Thereafter, investigation must be conducted to establish through
appropriate interviews and other means, that such contracts are
in fact fraudulent. This investigation will also embrace
contracts created in the sale of Superior to MC SPADDEN, ETAL.
It is the current opinion of USA's, Dallas and El Paso, that
existing conspiracy indictment returned in WDT may be dismissed
and new indictment prepared to include CLEMENTS as co-conspirator
with other defendants in this matter. USA, Dallas, also considering
indictment of CLEMENTS in NDT re substantive violations of Section
2314, on his part.

In addition to the above, considerable other
investigation remains to be done by Dallas in this matter to
corroborate and support evidence already developed to sustain
prosecution previously considered in this matter.

The Bureau is assured this investigation is receiving
my close, personal supervision and that immediate, preferred and
continuous investigation will be afforded to all outstanding leads
with a view toward completion at the earliest practical date.

The approximate date of completion of above investigation
cannot be estimated in view of substantial additional investigation
which has now been requested by USA's, NDT and WDT.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (29-28704)

FROM: SAC, EL PASO (29-351)

RE: BILLIE SOL ESTES; ET. AL.
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Re phone call from Supervisor WILLIAM WELTE to SA [redacted]
[redacted] El Paso, 5/5/62.b6
b7CINVESTIGATION REMAINING IN CAPTIONED MATTER:

All pending investigation outlined in El Paso airtel of 4/27/62.

The majority of the investigation outlined in El Paso airtel of 4/27/62 for the Dallas Office has been completed and FD-302's expected to arrive El Paso on or about 5/9/62. Since these 302's should logically be included in next report along with about 100 pages already in possession of El Paso Office, it will not be possible to submit next report by 5/12/62. A second report will be submitted on or before 5/17/62.

[redacted] Estes Enterprises, Pecos, Texas, [redacted] was interviewed 5/3/62 in connection with their dealings with Commercial Solvents Corporation, the results of which are being included in a short report of SA [redacted] to go forward 5/7/62 pursuant to Bureau teletype dated 5/1/62.

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At the time of this contact, [redacted] who previously refused to be interviewed except in presence of his attorney, advised SA's [redacted] that he was now ready to sit down and talk about the ammonia tank dealings of ESTES and others. Time did not permit a detailed interview as SA [redacted] presence at Dallas on morning of 5/4/62 was requested by AUSA [redacted]. However, about one hour was spent with [redacted] at this time in order to give him an opportunity to commit himself and open the door for a detailed interview on or about 5/8/62.

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Included in the Dallas meeting on 5/4/62 called by AUSA [redacted] of El Paso and USA BAREFOOT SANDERS, Dallas, were SA's RAYMOND C. ECKENRODE of Dallas and [redacted] of El Paso. The ITSP-MF case was thoroughly discussed. It was felt by the attorneys that substantive counts charging 2314 and possibly 1341 should be sought against MC SPADDEN. This can be done only in the Northern District of Texas and not in the Western District as all of MC SPADDEN's deals started in and around Amarillo and did not pass through the Western District. The indictment returned at El Paso charges MC SPADDEN with Conspiracy and does not include any substantive counts.

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Also being considered for investigation and prosecutive action both in the Northern and Western Districts are possible violations on part of R. E. CLEMENTS, former President, Superior Manufacturing Co. Nothing definite has been decided on this point as yet, but will be resolved May 7 or 8, 1962, by AUSA [redacted]

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It is thought at this point that the ITSP-MF investigation will be completed in about 30 days. The bulk of the investigation will be included in El Paso's report submitted on or about 5/17/62.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

IMMEDIATE ATTENTION - MR. WILLIAM WELTE
FROM SAC EL PASO "58-59" 2 P

BILLIE SOL ESTES, AKA., ET AL., BRIBERY
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD
FROM SAC, MOBILE

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BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL, BRIBERY, COI. OO DL.

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CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE OF MOBILE OFFICE ADVISED IMPOSSIBLE TO IDENTIFY RECEIVER OF CALL FROM DR. JAMES T. RALPH, MC LEAN, VIRGINIA, AT UNIONTOWN, ALABAMA, WITHOUT NUMBER CALLED IN UNIONTOWN. SOURCE STATES UNIONTOWN HANDLED THROUGH SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE EXCHANGE AT SELMA, ALA., AND RECORDS ONLY KEPT OF LONG DISTANT INCOMING CALLS WHEN CALL IS COLLECT. SOURCE STATES WOULD BE PROBLEM TO IDENTIFY CALL TO SUBSCRIBER IF NUMBER DETERMINED, HOWEVER, COULD POSSIBLY LOCATE RECORD IF COLLECT CALL.

CHIEF OF POLICE, UNIONTOWN, ALA., A SMALL COMMUNITY IN PERRY COUNTY, STATES HE KNOWS OF NO GRAIN STORAGE FACILITY IN AREA OR POSSIBLE CONTACT OF DR. RALPH.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, WFO /87-8242/

FROM SAC, MEMPHIS /147-240/ 1P

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI 29-28704 AND SAC-S DALLAS 58-138 AND

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FROM SAC, MOBILE 87-4873 1-P

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ETAL, BRIBERY, COI. OO DALLAS.

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TO - DIRECTOR, FBI "29-28704" AND SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE
FROM - SAC, EL PASO "58-59" 6-PAGES ⁰ BISO L

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL, BRIBERY, CONFLICT OF INTEREST. OO - DALLAS.

REBUAIRTEL TO WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE MAY TWELVE, LAST.

THIS SUPPLEMENTS AND ADDS TO INFORMATION IN EL PASO TEL TO DIRECTOR AND WASHINGTON FIELD MAY TWELVE, LAST.

[REDACTED] BILLIE SOL ESTES, ENTERPRISES, PECOS, TEXAS, FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION MAY FIFTEEN, INSTANT.

THE FOLLOWING COMPANIES ARE OPERATED AS SOLE PROPRIETORSHIPS BY ESTES [REDACTED] ONE-EIGHT INTEREST, AND BILLIE SOL, SEVEN EIGHTS INTEREST -

FARMERS COMPANY, DOING BUSINESS OF FERTILIZER AND INSECTICIDES AT PECOS, FABENS, AND RIO HONDO, TEXAS, AND ANTHONY AND LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO - LESTER-STONE COMPANY, PLAINVIEW, TEXAS, BUSINESS OF FERTILIZER AND INSECTICIDES - WHEELER FERTILIZER COMPANY, HEREFORD, TEXAS, DOING BUSINESS IN FERTILIZER AND INSECTICIDES - WATER WELL

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SERVICE AND SUPPLY, PECOS, TEXAS, BUSINESS OF WATER WELL PUMPS
SALES AND SERVICE - UNITED ELEVATORS, PLAINVIEW, TEXAS, BUSINESS OF
GRAIN STORAGE - FARMERS DITCH LINING SERVICE, PECOS, TEXAS, CONSTRUCTION OF CONCRETE DITCHES - FORT STOCKTON IMPLEMENT COMPANY, FORT STOCKTON, TEXAS, FARM EQUIPMENT BUSINESS.

THE FOLLOWING COMPANIES ARE OPERATED AS PARTNERSHIPS, ESTES/
INTEREST SHOWN AFTER COMPANY NAME -

WOODCREST APARTMENTS, PORT NECHES, TEXAS, FIFTY PER CENT, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] APARTMENT RENTALS - SUDAN

STORAGE, SUDAN, TEXAS, THREE SEVENTHS, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TENNESSEE, THREE SEVENTHS, ROBERT CLEMENT AND
FRANK CLEMENT, FORMER GOVERNOR OF TENNESSEE, JOINT ONE SEVENTH INTEREST

- ROY LINDSAY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, PECOS, TEXAS, FIFTY PER CENT,

[REDACTED] FIFTY PER CENT, BUSINESS DIRT CONTRACTING -

VERHALEN CREDIT LIMITED, VERHALEN, TEXAS, BUSINESS PURCHASING MONEY
ORDERS FOR LABORERS, SEE VERHALEN CORPORATIONS FOLLOWING FOR OTHER
PARTNERS - WESTERN FLYING SERVICE, PECOS, TEXAS, FIFTY PER CENT,

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[REDACTED] TEXAS, FIFTY PER CENT, AIR-
PLANE CROP DUSTING - GILLETTE PIPE AND SUPPLY, MC CAMEY, TEXAS,
FIFTY PER CENT, [REDACTED] FIFTY PER CENT, SALE OF USED
OIL FIELD EQUIPMENT - MIDLAND CONCRETE COMPANY, MIDLAND, TEXAS,
FIFTY PERCENT, [REDACTED] READY-MIX CONCRETE.

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THE FOLLOWING COMPANIES ARE OPERATED AS CORPORATIONS. ESTES/
INTEREST SHOWN AFTER COMPANY NAME -

AGRICULTURE, INC., IRVING, TEXAS, ONE HUNDRED PER CENT, BUSINESS
FARMING AND DAIRYING - EQUIPMENT SERVICE COMPANY, PECOS, TEXAS, ONE
HUNDRED PER CENT, PUMP AND EQUIPMENT SALES AND REPAIR - PECOS TRANSIT
MIX, PECOS, TEXAS, READY-MIX CONCRETE, SOLELY OWNED BY MRS. BILLIE
SOL ESTES - VERHALEN MERCANTILE, VERHALEN, TEXAS, FORTYONE PERCENT,
BUSINESS GENERAL MERCHANDISE, STOCK HOLDERS, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] - PECOS PRINTING COMPANY, PECOS, TEXAS, EIGHTYONE PER CENT,
[REDACTED] TEXAS, OWNS NINETEEN PER CENT, NEWSPAPER AND
JOB PRINTING BUSINESS - COLONIAL FUNERAL HOME, PECOS, TEXAS, EIGHTY

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PER CENT, TWENTY PER CENT STOCK NOT ISSUED, BUSINESS FUNERAL PARLOR

- SOUTH PLAIN GRAIN COMPANY, LEVELLAND, TEXAS, FIFTY PER CENT, [REDACTED] b6 b7C

[REDACTED] NEW MEXICO, OWN BALANCE OF STOCK,
BUSINESS OF GRAIN STORAGE - FARM GRAIN AND WAREHOUSE, LAMESA, TEXAS,
SEVENTYONE PER CENT, [REDACTED] TEXAS, OWN
TWENTYNINE PER CENT STOCK, BUSINESS OF GRAIN STORAGE, LEASED TO
UNITED ELEVATORS.

[REDACTED] STATED QUOTE BILLIE SOL ESTES HAS MADE ADVANCES TO THE b6 b7C
FOLLOWING BUSINESS BUT TITLE TO ALL PROPERTY IS VESTED IN OTHER
PERSONS. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING HE HAS AN OPTION OR AGREEMENT
WHEREBY HE MAY PURCHASE OR OBTAIN INTEREST AT A LATER DATE OR WHEN
BUSINESSES HAVE PAID OUT UNQUOTE.

HALE COUNTY GRAIN COMPANY, PLAINVIEW, TEXAS, TITLE IN NAME

[REDACTED] BUSINESS OF GRAIN STORAGE - PALO DURO GRAIN COMPANY, b6 b7C
TULIA, TEXAS, STOCK HELD IN NAME OF CLAUDE E. DAVIS, GRAIN STORAGE,
- ALLIED ELEVATORS, HEREFORD, TEXAS, TITLE IN NAME OF [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] GRAIN STORAGE.

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[] STATED THE FOLLOWING COMPANIES ARE CONCERNS ESTES
WAS FORMERLY CONNECTED WITH BUT HAS NO PRESENT INTEREST IN AND DID
BUSINESS PRIMARILY IN THE PURCHASE AND RESALE OF SURPLUS GOVERNMENT
BUILDINGS AND SUPPLIES DURING THE APPROXIMATE PERIOD NINETEEN
FIFTYONE THROUGH NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE -

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UNITED CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, PECOS, TEXAS, []

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[] ESTES, [] NEW MEXICO []

ESTES, [] NEW MEXICO - ESTES []

[] ARKANSAS - SABINE SURPLUS,

[] SABINE AND ORANGE, TEXAS - GREENWOOD APARTMENTS,
MIDLAND, TEXAS, SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP. OTHER COMPANIES LISTED WERE
PARTNERSHIPS.

[] ADVISED FOLLOWING ARE PLACES ESTES ENGAGED IN BUSINESS
OF PURCHASE OF GOVERNMENT SURPLUS HOUSING -

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BLYTHEVILLE, ARKANSAS - BROWNWOOD, TEXAS - ABILENE, TEXAS -
SANTA FE AND ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO - SPOKANE, WASHINGTON - AND
BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA.

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SO CALLED WASHINGTON PROJECT ENGAGED IN SURPLUS HOUSING AT
RURAL ROUTE ONE, CHENEY, WASHINGTON, BANKING AT WASHINGTON, TRUST
BANK, SPOKANE, WASHINGTON, UNDER ACCOUNT NAME BILLIE SOL ESTES.

[REDACTED] ADVISED POSSIBLE THAT BILLIE SOL ESTES, ESTES

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[REDACTED] HAVE MADE OTHER PURCHASES
OF GOVERNMENT SURPLUS MACHINES AND EQUIPMENT ON REGULAR BID BASIS.

WASHINGTON FIELD WILL COMPLETE CHECK REQUESTED BY DEPARTMENT
OF ESTES COMPANIES AND INDIVIDUAL NAMES THROUGH FILES OF PERTINENT
AGENCIES.

DALLAS ADVISED AIRMAIL.

ESTES MAY HAVE SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI /10/ AND SAC, EL PASO
FROM SAC, NEW YORK /87-26066/

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ITSP - BRIBERY

REBUTEL INSTANT DATE, MAIL COPIES TO DALLAS AND EL PASO.

MATERIAL SUBMITTED RELATING TO DEALINGS OF COMMERCIAL
SOLVENTS CORPORATION WITH ESTES DID NOT INCLUDE MATERIAL
OBTAINED FROM FILES OF ESTES IN PECOS, TEXAS, BY COMMERCIAL
SOLVENTS OFFICIALS. MATERIAL FROM ESTES FILES FORWARDED TO
EL PASO FIVE EIGHT LAST WITH REPORT OF SA [REDACTED] NY.
NO COPY OF MATERIAL RETAINED BY NYO. EL PASO IMMEDIATELY FURNISH
BUREAU MATERIAL OBTAINED FROM FILES OF ESTES IN PECOS, TEXAS,
FURNISHED YOUR OFFICE BY ABOVE NY REPORT. - 102

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URGENT 5-16-62 7-37PM EDST JPR

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, ALBANY /87-3844/ 2P

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ITSP-BRIBERY.

ON AFTERNOON SIXTEENTH INSTANT ONE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PULP, SULPHITE AND PAPER MILL WORKERS UNION. WHO

[REDACTED] N.Y. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] RE UNION AND ITS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CALLED AT OFFICE, DECLINED TO FURNISH DATA
BUT DESIRED TO BE INTERVIEWED BY SA ARTHUR V. HART, WHO WAS NOT IN. [REDACTED]
SA HART HAS SINCE CONTACTED [REDACTED] AND ARRANGED INTERVIEW AT NINE AM
SEVENTEENTH INSTANT AS [REDACTED] WORKING NIGHT SHIFT.

AFTER HAYES DEPARTURE, AGENT [REDACTED] BLMR, ALBANY,
ADVISED [REDACTED] CAME TO HIS OFFICE AND STATED THAT HE HAD AN EXPLOSIVE
DOCUMENT CONCERNING THE ABOVE MENTIONED UNION. DECLINED TO LET [REDACTED]
READ BUT STATED IT WAS A PHOTOSTAT COPY SURREPTITIOUSLY OBTAINED FROM
ABOVE UNION FILES AT FORT EDWARD, N.Y., NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS. SAID
DOCUMENT IS RESIGNATION AND EXPLANATION SUBMITTED TO UNION [REDACTED]

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THE EXPLANATION ALLEGEDLY COVERS EXPENSES SUBMITTED BY [] OF
OVER SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS, WHICH LARGE AMOUNT OF EXPENSES WAS REASON
FOR RESIGNATION. [] EXPLANATION, ACCORDING TO [] IS THAT
HE CONTACTED NUMEROUS TOP OFFICIALS OF LABOR AND JUSTICE DEPARTMENT
IN WASHINGTON, D.C. ON UNION BUSINESS.

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[] TRYING TO ARRANGE THROUGH OFFICE OF SENATOR
WINSTON PROUTY /REP., VERMONT/ TO TESTIFY BEFORE SENATOR JOHN L.
MC CLELLAN-S SUB COMMITTEE LOOKING INTO THE BILLIE SOL ESTES CASE.
[] SAID THAT ONE OF THE PEOPLE CONTACTED BY [] WAS FORMER
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF LABOR JERRY HOLLOMAN, WHO RECENTLY RESIGNED
OVER ALLEGED THOUSAND DOLLAR PERSONAL GIFT FROM ESTES. [] GAVE
NO OTHER INDICATION THAT HE KNEW ANYTHING ABOUT OR HAD ANY OTHER
INFORMATION CONCERNING BILLIE SOL ESTES.

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IT IS NOTED [] IS PROFESSIONAL UNION REP. IN PAST,
CONNECTED FOR YEARS WITH PULP SULPHITE AND PAPER MILL WORKERS IN
UPPER NEW YORK STATE. ALBANY WILL SUTEL RESULTS [] INTERVIEW ON
SEVENTEENTH.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: May 17, 1962

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: BILLIE SOL ESTES
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF
STOLEN PROPERTY - BRIBERY

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This is to set forth a review of the principal aspects in captioned matter.

"WASHINGTON PROJECT"

State Attorney General Wilson of Texas, in his press releases, indicated that he had records of a "Washington Project" among the Estes files. He left an implication that this money was channeled to Washington, D. C., and his press release cited three checks, totaling \$145,015.14.

We interviewed Wilson and his assistant with negative results. Investigation has disclosed that Estes' enterprises carries a ledger account in the name of the "Washington Project," which purportedly dealt with surplus Government houses in and around Spokane, Washington. With reference to the three checks cited in the Wilson press release, these appear to be checks drawn to pay debts of Estes' enterprises.

The Attorney General was advised of the above on the morning of May 15, 1962. We are thoroughly inquiring into this project and will secure documenting information.

MARY K. JONES DC

Mary K. Jones is former secretary to N. Battle Hales. Hales has continually indicated that with access to Agriculture files he could pinpoint instances of favoritism. Despite repeated interviews, the last one as late as May 14, 1962, he has been unable to prove his allegations.

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
RE: BILLIE SOL ESTES

His secretary, Mary K. Jones, was taken to a hospital April 25, 1962, under circumstances indicating a lack of complete mental balance. Hales made allegations which were referred to the Department to the effect that she was removed in order to prevent him from obtaining assistance in reviewing Agriculture records. We are investigating all aspects of this.

CONGRESSIONAL TAX RETURNS

The Department of Justice has requested that we obtain the address and name of spouse of 43 individuals. This is to enable the Department to obtain their income tax returns. One Senator and five Congressmen are listed. This request was received on the morning of May 15, 1962, and investigation is going forward.

ACCOUNTING INVESTIGATION

On May 4, 1962, the Department requested all financial statements and related documents filed by Estes with the Department of Agriculture in connection with his activities as a grain warehouseman. Over 3,800 documents have been obtained and are now in Washington Field Office being reviewed. Leads are being set out as the review is being done. We are also reviewing Estes' records in the receiver's office in Texas.

BANK RECORDS

We are reviewing all Estes' bank accounts, and bank records maintained by Estes' enterprises now in possession of the receiver.

Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
RE: BILLIE SOL ESTES

WILLIAM E. MORRIS, JAMES T. RALPH AND EMERY JACOBS

Both Morris and Ralph have been dismissed from the Department because of their implication with an acceptance of gratuities from Estes. Jacobs has resigned.

COTTON POOL ALLOTMENTS - WHEAT STORAGE

The investigation ordered on May 14, 1962, in this matter will result in the interview of personnel in the Department of Agriculture from Undersecretary Murphy down through the local aspects both at Washington, D. C., and in the Texas area. The investigation is directed towards determining whether Estes received favorable treatment and includes investigation into Congressional pressure.

TELEPHONE CHECKS

We have conducted extensive telephone checks in the Estes matter, one of which resulted in the dismissal of Dr. Ralph. This check is continuing.

DEATHS IN THE ESTES CASE

There have been two mysterious deaths in the Estes matter, the first on June 3, 1961, of one Henry Marshall, who was shot five times in the abdomen by a bolt action rifle. The local officials ruled this as suicide but we are investigating the matter.

George A. Krutilek, ^{TEX} ~~who~~ ^{DECEASED} located farmers for Estes, who did participate in his fraudulent scheme, was found dead April 5, 1962. Although this appears to be a legitimate death, we are investigating all aspects.

Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
RE: BILLIE SOL ESTES

~~JERRY R. HOLLEMAN~~ ^{FORMER} - ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF LABOR ^{DC}

We contacted Holleman for an interview in the Estes matter and he made an appointment for May 14, 1962. During the interim, he resigned admitting that he had received a \$1,000 gift from Estes. He has now refused to be interviewed until May 17, 1962.

ESTES' ENTERPRISES

Estes had under his control or ownership over 40 enterprises. We are identifying these enterprises and contacting pertinent Government agencies to determine the extent of the business done by that agency with Estes or any of his enterprises.

ANTITRUST AND ELECTION LAWS

The Department has been advised of facts indicating a possibility of violation of the Antitrust and/or Election Laws in line with established policy. On May 16, 1962, a request for investigation of an Election Law violation was received, and it has been ordered.

INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN PROPERTY (ITSP)

The most important segment of the investigation is the fact that very early in the case we established an ITSP violation, arrested Estes and three of his associates and subsequently obtained an indictment. Our investigation is continuing and we may develop an additional subject.

COMMERCIAL SOLVENTS CORPORATION

~~Commercial Solvents Corporation~~ ^{WS}, one of the largest fertilizer firms in the country was possibly connected in the Sol Estes case. We have obtained for the Department all the records of the Commercial Solvents Corporation relating to their dealing with Billie Sol Estes. A Bureau accountant is assisting the Department in reviewing these documents for possible violations.

Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
RE: BILLIE SOL ESTES

VICE PRESIDENT JOHNSON AND SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE
FREEMAN

Allegations were received that Lyndon Johnson, } DL
Vice President of the United States, and Orville Freeman,
Secretary of the Agriculture Department, had accepted gratuities
from Estes. Freeman was interviewed and denied the charges.
Appointments were made to interview Vice President Johnson,
which he did not keep, however, his Administrative Assistant
Walter Jenkins categorically denied all charges. The Attorney
General was advised that we would take no further action unless
requested to do so. No request has been received .

Any information indicating a possible Federal violation
or connection with the current matter is being given immediate
attention.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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In connection with the investigation being conducted by the Bureau concerning the "Washington Project", it is pointed out the Department clearly understands that when the investigation is completed it will be immediately furnished to the Department. However, we will not furnish any information to the Department until we get all of the facts and until this matter has been brought to the Director's attention. At that time a memorandum will be prepared for the Attorney General and the Department for appropriate transmittal.

By way of background, on May 16, 1962, [redacted] in the Criminal Division hand carried the attached undated memorandum, which was given to a Bureau Supervisor, in which Assistant Attorney General Miller refers to the Bureau memorandum of May 16, 1962, concerning the Washington Project and requests an investigation into the matter.

When [redacted] handed this to the Supervisor, he orally mentioned that this was important because he understood that the Department wanted to get this information channeled for immediate handling because he understood the President wanted to be able to state that the Washington Project deals with a housing project in Spokane, Washington, and that the three checks mentioned as allegedly being connected with the Washington Project were legitimate business transactions on the part of Estes.

The request, when it was received at 3:33 pm yesterday, was immediately placed in line for investigation and was ordered telephonically. Based upon this request, the attached memorandum was sent to your office reflecting the fact that the request was received and that the investigation had been ordered.

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The above is for your information.

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Mr. Belmont

RE: BILLIE SOL ESTES
ITSP - Bribery

As reflected in Mr. Rosen's memorandum of 5/16/62, indicating he was subsequently contacted by Assistant AG Miller, Miller was preparing information for the use of the White House concerning the Estes case. This apparently was background information for use of the President at his press conference. We have secured a copy of the memorandum which the Department prepared for the President, and it is attached hereto. Please note items 4 and 5 on page 11 of the Department's memorandum, wherein it is stated that the FBI has not as yet completed its investigation. We are going over this 17-page memorandum and analyzing it, and will submit a separate memorandum.



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TO DIRECTOR, FBI /29-28704/

FROM SAC, CHICAGO /87-18977/ /RUC/ 1P

BILLIE SOL ESTES, AKA., ET AL. BRIBERY., COF. OO.. DALLAS.

RE EL PASO AIRTEL TO BUREAU MAY TWELVE LAST.

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LAST. CHICAGO INDICES NEGATIVE ON [REDACTED]

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URGENT 5-19-62 2-42 PM MST PJL
TO DIRECTOR, FBI, ATT. ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION
AND SAC, EL PASO
FROM SAC, ALBUQUERQUE 87-4801 1-P
BILLY SOL ESTES, AKA ETAL. BRIBERY DASH CONFLICT OF INTEREST.
RE BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL TO ALBUQUERQUE MAY EIGHTEEN,
SIXTYTWO.

SAS DARWIN B. BARE, ACCOUNTANT, AND
DEPARTING ALBUQUERQUE THREE ZERO FIVE PM, MAY TWENTY, NEXT,
ARRIVING EL PASO FOUR TEN PM SAME DATE.

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TO: DIRECTOR (29-28704) AND SACS DALLAS (58-188),
EL PASO (29-351), OKLAHOMA CITY, AND RICHMOND

FROM: SAC WFO (87-8242)

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL, BRIBERY; CONFLICT OF INTEREST,
OO DALLAS.

REWFO AIRTEL SUMMARY MAY EIGHTEEN LAST.

FOR INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU AND ALL OFFICES, AT TWELVE
TWENTY A.M. THIS DATE [REDACTED] INS,
TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED WFO AND ADVISED THAT INS HAD BEEN
REQUESTED TO PREVENT DEPARTURE OF ESTES FROM U.S. SHOULD HE
ATTEMPT TO FLEE THE COUNTRY. [REDACTED] NOTED THAT ESTES HAD AN
AIRPLANE, AND [REDACTED] DESIRED TO OBTAIN DESCRIPTION OF ESTES
AIRCRAFT IN THE EVENT THAT HE ATTEMPTED TO USE AIRPLANE TO LEAVE
THE COUNTRY.

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[] WAS TELEPHONICALLY RECONTACTED AT TWELVE FORTYFIVE A.M. THIS DATE AND ADVISED THAT WFO HAD BEEN TOLD THAT THE FEDERAL AVIATION AGENCY AT OKLAHOMA CITY MIGHT BE OF ASSISTANCE CONCERNING IDENTITY OF ESTES AIRCRAFT AS RECORDS LOCATED THERE.

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AT ONE FIVE A.M. THIS DATE [] RECONTACTED WFO AND ADVISED HE HAD OBTAINED A DESCRIPTION OF PLANE REGISTERED TO BILLIE SOL ESTES. HE DESCRIBED PLANE AS A CESSNA, MODEL THREE ONE ZERO, NUMBER N C ONE EIGHT NINE ZERO EIGHT, DESCRIBED AS A LIGHT, TWO ENGINE PLANE WITH RANGE DEPENDING ON NUMBER OF PASSENGERS.

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DALLAS AND EL PASO REQUESTED TO ASCERTAIN LOCATION OF PLANE.

OKLAHOMA CITY REQUESTED TO CHECK RECORDS FEDERAL AVIATION AGENCY AND DETERMINE IF ANY OTHER PLANES REGISTERED TO ESTES OR IN NAME OF ONE OF HIS COMPANIES.

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Miss Gandy _____

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12-35 AM CDT RBD

TO DIRECTOR, FBI ..29-28704.. AND SAC, DALLAS 58-188
FROM SAC, ST. LOUIS 58-188

BILLIE SOL ESTES, AKA ETAL- BRIBERY- C. O. I.

SA S PHILLIP M. KING AND ALLEN H. SMITH ARRIVING DALLAS
BY AMERICAN AIRLINES FLT. 395 11.15 AM MAY TWENTH NEXT.

ARRIVING DALLAS AMERICAN AIRLINES
FLT. 283 6.19 PM SAME DATE .

CORRECT TIME 12-35 PM

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI 29-28704

FROM SAC, OMAHA 1P

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BILLIE SOL ESTES, ITSP DASH BRIBERY. RE EL PASO AIRTEL
TO BUREAU MAY TEN LAST AND BUTEL TO DALLAS MAY FOURTEEN LAST. OO DALLAS.

OMAHA PHONE NUMBER THREE FOUR ONE DASH EIGHT THREE TWO
SIX IS LISTED TO THE PAXTON HOTEL, ONE FOUR ZERO FIVE FARMAN
STREET, OMAHA, NEBRASKA. NOTE ONE JACOBS, ROOM ONE ZERO ONE SEVEN
WAS CALLED AT THAT NUMBER. LIST OF CALLS FURNISHED BY EL PASO ALSO
INDICATES JACOBS CALLED THREE TIMES AT TWO NUMBERS IN WASHINGTON, D.C.,
AND MAY BE KNOWN TO WFO AND OR DALLAS.

NO EFFORT BEING MADE TO IDENTIFY JACOBS AT OMAHA, UACB.

COPIES SENT AIR MAIL TO DALLAS AND WFO. ESTES MAY HAVE
SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

END ACK PLS

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EX-103

To: SAC, Washington Field

From: Director, FBI

BILLIE SOL ESTES
ITSP - BRIBERY

Attached for the Washington Field Office is a copy of a request received from the Department requesting interview with Mr. Tucker and Mr. Moss, employees of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

You are instructed to handle the requested investigation immediately and submit results in letterhead memorandum to be received at Bureau on or before 5-16-62.

Enclosure



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- Belmont _____
- Mohr _____
- Callahan _____
- Conrad _____
- DeLoach _____
- Evans _____
- Malone _____
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- Holmes _____
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Memorandum

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: MAY 11 1962

FROM : Herbert J. Miller, Jr., Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division

HJM:EJL:maf
29-76-334

SUBJECT: BILLIE SOL ESTES

Interstate Transportation of Stolen Property
Bribery.

B. SOL

This will refer to page four of Exhibit A, a statement of William E. Morris, dated April 23, 1962, filed with the USDA as a part of his "answer" to the personnel action recently taken against him. This "Exhibit A" is reproduced in the report of SA Andrew T. Shannon, May 8, 1962, Washington, D. C., p. 61-75.

Page sixty-four of the above report containing "Exhibit A" relates an alleged attempt by Mr. Moss and Mr. Tucker of the Cotton Division, USDA, to enlist Estes' company in a visit to Congressman Carl Bert Albert in the Spring of 1961 to try to talk the Congressman out of an investigation of some cotton acreage transfers involving Estes and others.

In connection with the April 23, 1962 statement of Morris it is requested that Mr. Moss and Mr. Tucker as well as any other logical leads in the Cotton Division, USDA, be interviewed to determine:

(a) If they had a meeting in the Spring of 1961 with Congressman Carl Bert Albert of Oklahoma concerning a Congressional investigation into cotton acreage transfers.

(b) If so, the nature and results of that conversation.

(c) The purpose and object of their visit, i.e., whether to delay or kill any investigation.

(d) The person or persons who authorized, directed or prompted their visit.

In addition, it is further requested that Mr. Moss be interviewed to determine the following:

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Evans	✓
Mr. Malone	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

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1. The participants and dates of any and all conferences concerning Billie Sol Estes cotton allotments after November 14, 1961, including any non-USDA personnel.

2. The role played by any non-USDA personnel.

3. The persons responsible for the decision reached in the memorandum of the General Counsel dated January 31, 1961, reversing the December 15, 1961, memorandum of the General Counsel.

4. The reasons for the above reversal.

5. Whether Charles S. Murphy, James T. Ralph, William E. Morris, Emery Jacobs, or Horace Godfrey ever advocated such reversal, or participated in any way in the January 31, 1961 decision.

We note that Mr. Moss has previously been interviewed and admitted the receipt of minor favors from Estes. (Report of SA Shannon, supra, p. 117-119).

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To: SACs, Washington Field Office (BSM) (Enc. 2)
Richmond (Enc. 2)
El Paso (Enc. 2)
Dallas (Enc. 2)

From: Director, FBI

BILLIE SOL ESTES
ITSP - BRIBERY



Attached hereto for the assistance of each office are two copies of a request for investigation received from the Criminal Division of the Department in connection with captioned matter.

Richmond and Washington Field should obtain all toll call records concerning Ralph, Morris and Jacobs for a period extended to January 1, 1960.

The El Paso Office should immediately ascertain the identity of all enterprises under the control or ownership of Billie Sol Estes and furnish this to Washington Field so that a more extensive check may be made by the Washington Field Office of the Government agencies in Washington, D. C. Washington Field should immediately check with the listed agencies to determine the extent of their dealings with Estes and on receipt of the identity of Estes' enterprises should again check to determine whether or not these agencies listed herein have any dealings with Estes' enterprises.

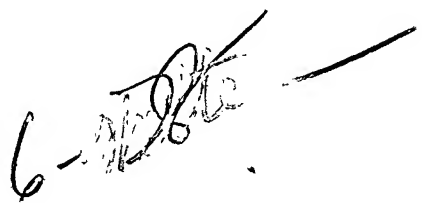
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation DATE: May 11, 1962

FROM : Herbert J. Miller, Jr., Assistant Attorney General,
Criminal Division

SUBJECT: Billie Sol Estes.

BIL SOL

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Evans	
Mr. Malone	
Mr. Rosen	
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This will confirm the request of [redacted] made to your San Antonio office on May 8 for an examination of the toll calls made between Estes and Department of Agriculture employees and of [redacted] request today that, in your investigation of the calls made by Dr. Ralph, you extend this to a period commencing December 1, 1961. It is further requested in your continuing investigation of these toll calls that the calls made by Dr. Ralph, Morris and Jacobs be extended to a period commencing January 1, 1960.

It is reported that Billie Sol Estes had under his control or ownership some forty enterprises. Many of these enterprises undoubtedly did business with the U.S. Government. It is requested that you obtain a list of all these enterprises, identifying the entity for which they operated, either corporate, firm, or individual, and a list of the officers, board of directors, and any other available information concerning these corporations to assist in identification.

In a recent article of the Wall Street Journal dated May 11, 1962, it is reported that Billie Sol Estes was engaged in the business of purchasing and selling surplus goods and buildings from deactivated military installations. It is also reported that the peak of his operations was from 1945 to 1951 and that he financed some of these operations by loans. It is requested that you contact the General Services Administration, the Department of Defense, the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, the Small Business Administration, and the Treasury Department, the latter agency being the custodian of the records of the RFC, to determine whether or not there are any records indicating that Billie Sol Estes or his operation did business with any of those government agencies.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (29-28704) AND SACS, BUFFALO, CHICAGO,
CINCINNATI, DALLAS (58-188), EL PASO, LOS ANGELES,
KANSAS CITY (58-194), LOUISVILLE, MEMPHIS, MIAMI,
MOBILE, OKLAHOMA CITY (87-7903), NEWARK, PITTSBURGH,
RICHMOND, SAN FRANCISCO, SPRINGFIELD AND ST. LOUIS

FROM: SAC, WFO (87-8242)

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL
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EL
EL PASO, OKLAHOMA CITY, AND RICHMOND.

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RICHMOND DIVISION IS REQUESTED

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SUBSCRIBERS TO BUREAU AND WFO BY NOON MAY TWELVE, NEXT.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE 87-8242
FROM SAC, SAN FRANCISCO 58-335 2 P O.B. LSO
BILLIE SOL ESTES, AKA, ETAL, BRIBERY - CONFLICT OF INTEREST.

RE EL PASO TELS MAY ELEVEN INSTANT AND WFO TEL MAY ELVEN INSTANT.

CALIFORNIA.

E. AND J. GALLO WINERY, MODESTO, CALIFORNIA.

NOVEMBER THREE ONE NINE SIX ONE ISSUE OF QUOTE TIME UNQUOTE, PAGE
FIVE TWO HAS CAPSULE BIOGRAPHY WHICH INDICATES [REDACTED] THEN FIVE
TWO YEARS OF AGE, IS A CONTROVERSIAL FIGURE IN WINE INDUSTRY, IN COMPETI-
TION WITH AND ATTEMPTING TO SURPASS LOUIS PETRI, WHO WAS THEN THE LARGEST
PRODUCER OF QUOTE CHEAP UNQUOTE WINES IN ENTIRE WINE INDUSTRY.

CALIF.

STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE [REDACTED] UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA. SAN FRANCISCO INDICES INDICATE [REDACTED]

CALIFORNIA INVESTIGATED ONE NINE FIVE NINE

SF FILE ONE ONE SIX FIVE ONE NINE SEVEN FIVE, BUFILE

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TELEPHONE NUMBER FOUR EIGHT NINE - FOUR FIVE SEVEN ZERO LISTED TO
MAJOR GENERAL RODERIC L. ~~HALL~~, THREE ZERO THREE ZERO SHASTA WAY SACRA-
MENTO, CALIFORNIA. HILL LISTED AS THE ADJUTANT GENERAL CALIFORNIA
NATIONAL GUARD, TWO FIVE TWO ZERO MARCONI AVE., SACRAMENTO. BUSINESS
PHONE FOUR EIGHT THREE - SIX FOUR ONE ONE.

EL PASO ADVISED AIR MAIL.

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TO DIRECTOR /29-28704/ AND SACS BUFFALO, DALLAS /58-188/ MEMPHIS,

MOBILE AND WASHINGTON FIELD /87-8242/
FROM SAC RICHMOND /58-185/ 2P

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL.

BRIBERY. COI. OO - DALLAS.

RE WASHINGTON FIELD TEL FIVE ELEVEN, SIXTYTWO.

CHECK OF TOLL CALLS CHARGED TO TELEPHONES OF SUBJECT IN INSTANT
CASE AND NUMBERS FROM WHICH CALLS MADE, NOT LISTED IN RETEL ARE AS
FOLLOWS.

TELEPHONE OF DR. JAMES T. RALPH, MC LEAN, VA., TELEPHONE THREE
FIVE SIX -SEVEN TWO TWO ONE -

JULY TWENTYONE, SIXTYONE, FROM SENECA FALLS, N. Y. CALL FROM

[REDACTED] NO NUMBER LISTED.

JULY FOURTEEN, SIXTYONE FROM CLARKSDALE, MISS. CALL FROM DR.
JAMES T. RALPH TO MRS. JAMES T. RALPH AT WASHINGTON, D. C. TELEPHONE
F E THREE NINE ZERO ZERO ZERO, ROOM FOUR ZERO FIVE SIX, CHARGED TO
THREE FIVE SIX - SEVEN TWO TWO ONE, NO NUMBER CLARKSDALE LISTED.

SEPTEMBER TWO, SIXTYONE FROM UNION TOWN, ALA., SIX TWO EIGHT -

THREE FIVE ZERO FIVE. EX-113

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TELEPHONE OF WILLIAM E. MORRIS, MC LEAN, VA., TELEPHONE THREE FIVE SIX - FOUR FIVE TWO ONE.

JUNE THIRTEEN, SIXTYONE FROM NASHVILLE, TENN., TWO FOUR TWO - THREE FIVE SIX ZERO.

INTERESTED DIVISIONS IDENTIFY SUBSCRIBERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH RETEL.

ESTES REPORTEDLY HAS SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont *MB*

DATE: May 14, 1962

FROM : A. Rosen *ARM*SUBJECT: BILLIE SOL ESTES
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF
STOLEN PROPERTY - BRIBERY

Tolson	_____
Belmont	_____✓
Mohr	_____
Callahan	_____
Conrad	_____
DeLoach	_____✓
Evans	_____✓
Malone	_____✓
Rosen	_____✓
Sullivan	_____✓
Tavel	_____
Trotter	_____
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[] of the Department of Justice advised that a Presidential request had been received for an investigation into the "Washington Project" in the Estes case.

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Attorney General *W* Wilson of the State of Texas has alleged that there was in existence on the part of Estes a project which resulted in the transfer of huge sums of money to Washington. The press indicates that Wilson is in possession of copies of three checks all for cash totaling \$145,015.14.

ACTION:

The El Paso and San Antonio Offices have been instructed to conduct investigation. The San Antonio Office will specifically contact Wilson to determine what information he will make available and you will be further advised.

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Evans

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Date: 5/14/62

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (58-497)(RUC)

RE: BILLY SOL ESTES, aka;
ET AL
BRIBERY - CONFLICT OF INTEREST
OO: Dallas

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Enclosed for the completion of Dallas' file are copies of two Los Angeles teletypes to the Director dated 5/11/62.

The results of investigation reflected in these teletypes was conducted upon receipt of WFO teletype dated 5/11/62 and El Paso teletype dated 5/11/62. W

No further investigation remains to be conducted in the Los Angeles Division with reference to the bribery - conflict of interest matter and the Los Angeles file is being placed in an RUC status.

- ③ - Bureau
1 - Dallas (Encls. 2)
1 - Los Angeles

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URGENT 5-14-62 2-11 PM MST JPM

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC EL PASO "58-59" 2 P

BILLIE SOL ESTES, AKA., ET AL., BRIBERY - CONFLICT OF
INTEREST. OO - DALLAS.

REBUTEL MAY FOURTEEN INSTANT.

RE TELEPHONE SUBSCRIBERS AT PECOS --

THE FOLLOWING TELEPHONE NUMBERS ASSIGNED TO BILLIE SOL ESTES
AT PECOS --

4 4 5 - 3 3 1 7
RESIDENT PHONES FOUR FOUR FIVE DASH THREE THREE ONE SEVEN,
4 4 5 - 2 5 0 7 4 4 5 - 5
FOUR FOUR FIVE DASH TWO FIVE ZERO SEVEN, FOUR FOUR FIVE DASH FIVE
7 0 7
SEVEN ZERO SEVEN.

BUSINESS PHONES ASSIGNED TO ESTES -- 4 4 5 -
4 9 1 6 4 4 5 - 4 9 1 7 4
FOUR NINE ONE SIX, FOUR FOUR FIVE DASH FOUR NINE ONE SEVEN, FOUR
4 5 - 4 9 1 8 4 4 5
FOUR FIVE DASH FOUR NINE ONE EIGHT, AND FOUR FOUR FIVE DASH
3 8 0 7
THREE EIGHT ZERO SEVEN PAREN PRIVATE UNLISTED NUMBER CLOSE PAREN.

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cc: Curran

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FOLLOWING TWO CREDIT CARDS ASSIGNED TO ESTES --

FOUR FOUR FIVE DASH FOUR NINE ONE SEVEN DASH K TWO TWO ONE AND

FOUR FOUR FIVE DASH THREE THREE ONE SEVEN DASH K TWO TWO ONE.

IN SOME INSTANCES THE LETTER L MAY BE SHOWN IN LIEU OF K.

HOWEVER, IN EITHER EVENT IT APPLIES TO ESTES.

DALLAS ADVISED VIA AIRMAIL.

ACK AND HOLD PLS FOR 2.ND MSG.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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URGENT 5-15-62 5-19 PM EST MLM

TO DIRECTOR, FBI /29-28704/

FROM SAC, INDIANAPOLIS /87-9632/ 1P

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL, ITSP -MF- CONSPIRACY

OO - EL PASO

REBURADIOGRAM MAY FOURTEEN LAST.

REINTERVIEW [REDACTED] GENERAL LEASING,

FT. WAYNE, IND., BEGAN TODAY. STATES TRANSACTION HANDLED
WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE THAT SUPERIOR NOT PRODUCING TANKS OR THAT ESTES OR
MC SPADDEN RECEIVING FINANCE MONEY. STATES
COMMISSIONS RECEIVED

FROM SUPERIOR AT SUGGESTION OF AND WITH KNOWLEDGE OF HELLER
CO. DESIRES TO COOPERATE, IS COLLECTING RECORDS SO INFO RE-
QUESTED MAY BE ACCURATE. RECORDS BELIEVED AVAILABLE MAY
SEVENTEEN NEXT. NO TEL TO BE SUBMITTED MAY SIXTEEN NEXT. OO
ADVISED BY AM CC. ESTES MAY HAVE SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

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URGENT 5-15-62 6-50 PM CST CJH
TO DIRECTOR, FBI /29-28704/
FROM SAC, SAN ANTONIO /87-5025/ 2-P

BILLIE SOL ESTES ITSP - BRIBERY
REBUTEL TODAY.

DAILY TELETYPE SUMMARY.

[REDACTED] TEXAS, [REDACTED]
HENRY MARSHALL, ADVISED THAT ON JUNE THREE SIXTYONE AS WAS HIS USUAL
CUSTOM ON SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS, AND ON OTHER DAYS HE WAS OFF, HENRY WENT
TO HIS FARM NEAR FRANKLIN, TEXAS, TO LOOK AFTER HIS CATTLE. AT
APPROXIMATELY FIVE P.M. HENRY-S WIFE CALLED FROM BRYAN AND REQUESTED
HER MOTHER TO HAVE SOMEONE GO TO THE FARM AND LOOK FOR HENRY AS HE
WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN HOME AT FOUR P.M. [REDACTED] WENT TO THE FARM
BUT WAS UNABLE TO LOCATE HENRY AND STARTED BACK TO FRANKLIN WHEN HE MET
SHERIFF STEGALL, [REDACTED] AT APPROXIMATELY SEVEN
THIRTY P.M. STEGALL TOLD [REDACTED] THAT HENRY HAD BEEN FOUND DEAD AND HAD
SHOT HIMSELF. [REDACTED] RETURNED TO THE FARM WITH THEM BUT DID NOT VIEW
THE BODY OR THE SCENE. [REDACTED] ADMITTED MAKING THE STATEMENT THAT IF HE
HAD KNOWN THERE WAS NO ONE WITH HENRY, HE WOULD HAVE GONE WITH HIM THAT
DAY. HE EXPLAINED THIS BY STATING THAT HENRY HAD A HEART ATTACK ABOUT
TWO YEARS AGO AND THEY DID NOT WANT HIM TO BE ALONE ON HIS FARM [REDACTED]

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[] USUALLY ACCOMPANIED HENRY TO THE FARM. [] ADVISED THAT HE HAS NO REASON TO BELIEVE HENRY WAS MURDERED BUT IT IS DIFFICULT FOR HIM TO BELIEVE HENRY WOULD COMMIT SUICIDE. HENRY MENTIONED HAVING TROUBLE WITH COTTON ALLOTTMENT IN WEST TEXAS AND PEANUT ALLOTTMENT IN ROBERTSON COUNTY BUT DID NOT MENTION ESTES OR THE NAMES OF ANYONE WITH WHOM HE WAS HAVING TROUBLE. FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS HENRY HAS FREQUENTLY REMARKED TO [] THAT QUOTE THEY ARE TRYING TO GET MY JOB UNQUOTE BUT MENTIONED NO NAMES. ACCORDING TO [] HENRY WAS IN GOOD FINANCIAL CONDITION, HE KNEW OF NO FAMILY DIFFICULTY NOR ANY OTHER REASON WHY HENRY WOULD COMMIT SUICIDE. [] NOT AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW THIS DATE BUT WILL BE INTERVIEWED MAY SIXTEEN NEXT. LEDGER SHEETS OF FARMER-S COMPANY OF RIO HONDO, TEXAS, HAVING AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE OF [] SAN BENITO BANK AND TRUST CO., SAN BENITO, TEXAS, BEING OBTAINED PURSUANT TO DALLAS OFFICE REQUEST TODAY AND WILL BE FORWARDED TO BUREAU TOMORROW. LETTERHEAD MEMO OF INVESTIGATION RE MARSHALL BEING FORWARDED BUREAU TODAY. DALLAS, HOUSTON AND EL PASO ADVISED AM.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, EL PASO /58-59/ 1P

BILLIE SOL ESTES, AKA, ET AL, BRIBERY - CONFLICTS OF INTEREST.

RE BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL MAY FIFTEEN INSTANT.

REQUEST TO INTERVIEW BILLIE SOL ESTES.

[REDACTED] TEXAS, WHICH PREVIOUSLY

HANDLED ESTES REFERRED ME TO [REDACTED]

IMPLIED THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN HIS FIRM AND ESTES HAD BEEN SEVERED

AS THE RESULT OF A MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IN THE MATTER AND A REQUEST SHOULD BE MADE OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TEXAS, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] COULD NOT BE REACHED IMMEDIATELY AND HE WILL RETURN CALL

BY DAY-S END.

DALLAS ADVISED AIR MAIL.

ESTES MAY HAVE SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI /29-28704/ AND SAC-S, DALLAS /58-188/

AND WFO /87-8242/

FROM SAC, MOBILE /87-4873/

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ETAL, BRIBERY, COI. OO DALLAS.

RE WFO TELETYPE MAY ELEVEN AND RICHMOND TELETYPE MAY
FOURTEEN INSTANT.

CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISED SUBSCRIBER TO [REDACTED]

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PROMPTLY BY TELETYPE. ESTES REPORTEDLY HAS SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, EL PASO 58-59/ 1 P

BILLIE SOL ESTES, AKA, ET AL, BRIBERY - CONFLICT OF INTEREST.

RE BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL MAY FIFTEEN INSTANT.

REVIEW OF THE RECORDS OF BILLIE SOL ESTES ENTERPRISES.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS IN REFBU CALL AUS [REDACTED] AS

ADVISED THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAD DECIDED A LEGAL SEARCH COULD BE MADE OF ALL RECORDS IN THE POSSESSION OF THE RECEIVER IN CONNECTION WITH THE RECEIVERSHIP PROCEEDING UNDER CHAPTER ELEVEN.

HE SAID HE WOULD INFORM THE JUDGE OF THIS BUT THE JUDGE WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL THURSDAY, MAY SEVENTEEN.

I TELEPHONED THE RECEIVER [REDACTED] AND TOLD HIM AGENTS WOULD APPROACH HIM WEDNESDAY, MAY SIXTEEN, FOR ACCESS TO THE RECORDS. HE SAID HE WOULD BE VERY GLAD TO ACCOMMODATE THEM, THAT THERE WAS SOME SLIGHT PHYSICAL PRACTICAL PROBLEM ON THE RECORDS SINCE THEY ARE BEING REVIEWED BY A NUMBER OF MC CLELLAN COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES AND I TOLD [REDACTED] THAT THE AGENTS WOULD BE INSTRUCTED TO WORK OUT AMICABLY. HE SAID WE COULD EXPECT COMPLETE COOPERATION FROM HIM.

DALLAS ADVISED AIR MAIL.

ESTES MAY HAVE SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI /29-28704/ AND SAC, DALLAS /58-188/
FROM SAC, LITTLE ROCK /58-61/1P *Bikso L*

BILLIE SOL ESTES/ ET AL. BRIBERY, COI.

RE DALLAS AIRTEL TO DIRECTOR, MAY ELEVEN, NINETEEN
SIXTY-TWO, AND BURAD TO CONTINENTAL FIELD DIVISIONS, MAY
FOURTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTY-TWO.

RAYMOND E. TOWNSEND FURNISHED SWORN STATEMENT ALLEGING
SHIRTS IDENTIFIED ON N-M SALES TICKETS SIX THREE ONE NINE
FOUR DASH ONE FOUR AND SIX THREE ONE NINE FOUR DASH ONE SIX
WERE ALL WHITE SHIRTS AS INDICATED ON THE TICKETS.

REPORT BEING SUBMITTED.

AIRMAIL COPIES TO EL PASO AND WFO.

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FROM DIRECTOR FBI

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL., BRIBERY, CONFLICT OF INTEREST.

RE WFO TEL FIVE FOURTEEN LAST SETTING FORTH INDIVIDUALS
CONTACTED BY DR. JAMES T. RALPH.

ALL OFFICES SHOULD HANDLE INVESTIGATION REQUESTED AND
SUTEL RESULTS TODAY.

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TO SACS LOS ANGELES, BUTTE, AND SAN FRANCISCO
FROM DIRECTOR 1 P

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL., BRIBERY, CONFLICT OF INTEREST.

RE WFO TEL FIVE FOURTEEN LAST SETTING FORTH INDIVIDUALS
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END PLS ACK

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(Priority or Method of Mailing)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (29-28704) AND SACS LOS ANGELES, BUTTE, AND
SAN FRANCISCOFROM: SAC, WFO (87-8242) BILSOBILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL. BRIBERY, CONFLICT OF INTEREST,
OO:DALLAS.

RE BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL TO WFO MAY FOURTEEN INSTANT.

EL PASO HAS DETERMINED ON A CONFIDENTIAL BASIS THAT
BILLIE SOL ESTES HAS OFFICE TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOUR FOUR
FIVE DASH FOUR NINE ONE SIX, FOUR FOUR FIVE DASH FOUR NINE
ONE SEVEN AND FOUR FOUR FIVE DASH FOUR NINE ONE EIGHT ALL
PACOS, TEXAS. A CHECK OF TELEPHONE CALLS MADE USING ESTES'
TELEPHONE CREDIT CARD FOUR FOUR FIVE DASH FOUR NINE ONE
SEVEN DASH K TWO TWO ONE INDICATES THE FOLLOWING COLON.

ON FEBRUARY EIGHTEEN, LAST CREDIT CARD NUMBER FOUR FOUR
FIVE DASH FOUR NINE ONE SEVEN DASH K TWO TWO ONE, WAS USED
FOR CHARGING TELEPHONE CALL TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MONTANA, [REDACTED]

- 2 - Teletype Unit
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ON FEBRUARY EIGHTEEN, LAST DOCTOR RALPH AT MC LEAN,
VIRGINIA, TELEPHONED [REDACTED] CALIFORNIA,

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THE CALL BEING CHARGED TO CREDIT CARD NUMBER FOUR FOUR
FIVE DASH FOUR NINE ONE SEVEN DASH K TWO TWO ONE.

ON FEBRUARY EIGHTEEN LAST DOCTOR RALPH, MC LEAN,
VIRGINIA, PLACED A CALL TO [REDACTED]

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CALIFORNIA, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE CALL BEING CHARGED TO ABOVE CREDIT CARD NUMBER.

CONCERNING THE CALL REFERRED TO ABOVE TO BAKERSFIELD,
CALIFORNIA, TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES INDICATE TELEPHONE NUMBER

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
CALIFORNIA. [REDACTED]

CALCOT, LIMITED, A LARGE COTTON PROCESSING AND WAREHOUSING
CORPORATION IN BAKERSFIEDD.

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ON MAY FOURTEEN INSTANT DR. JAMES T. RALPH INTERVIEWED UNDER OATH AND CLAIMS HE WAS "FIRED" ON FEBRUARY SIXTEEN LAST BY SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE ORVILLE FREEMAN AND HIS RESIGNATION WAS TO BECOME EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY SEVENTEEN LAST AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR AGRICULTURAL STABILIZATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE /USDA/. CLAIMS SECRETARY FREEMAN AGREED TO GRANT HIM A WEEK FOLLOWING CONTACT ON FEBRUARY SIXTEEN LAST TO LOOK FOR ANOTHER POSITION, HOWEVER, ON FEBRUARY TWENTY LAST FREEMAN ANNOUNCED TO PRESS DOCTOR RALPH WAS RESIGNING TO ACCEPT A POSITION AS AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE WITH USDA.

DOCTOR RALPH CLAIMS DURING PERIOD FOLLOWING FEBRUARY SIXTEEN LAST HE USED TELEPHONE CREDIT CARD NUMBER MADE AVAILABLE TO HIM BY HIS FORMER ASSISTANT WILLIAM E. MORRIS. HE CLAIMS MORRIS PERMITTED HIM TO MAKE TWO OR THREE TELEPHONE

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CALLS USING CREDIT CARD TO MAKE CALLS CONCERNING PRIVATE EMPLOYMENT. HOWEVER, DOCTOR RALPH COULD NOT BE SPECIFIC AS TO NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS CALLED IN THIS CONNECTION. DOCTOR RALPH STATED HE DOES NOT RECALL WHO MORRIS SAID CREDIT CARD BELONGED TO, HOWEVER, DOCTOR RALPH STATED HE MAY HAVE HAD REASON TO BELIEVE THE TELEPHONE CREDIT CARD BELONGED TO ESTES.

BUREAU HAS INSTRUCTED THAT DISCREET CONTACT BE MADE WITH ABOVE MENTIONED THREE INDIVIDUALS TO DETERMINE IF THEY ARE ACQUAINTED WITH DOCTOR RALPH AND REASON THEY WERE CONTACTED BY DOCTOR RALPH ON ABOVE MENTIONED DATES. IT IS AGAIN POINTED OUT THAT ABOVE INFORMATION RECEIVED BY EL PASO RE TELEPHONE CALLS WAS FURNISHED ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS AND EXTREME CARE SHOULD BE USED IN INTERVIEWING ABOVE MENTIONED INDIVIDUALS IN ORDER TO PRECLUDE FACT THEIR ACQUAINTANCE WITH DOCTOR RALPH RESULT OF ABOVE MENTIONED TELEPHONE CALLS.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (29-28704)

FROM: SAC, WFO (87-8242) (P)

BILLIE SOL ESTES, aka, ET AL
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ReEPairtel to Bureau dated 5/10/62, and Butel
to DL, EP, MP, OM, RH, SA, and WFO dated 5/14/62.

Enclosed for the Bureau are four copies of a
letterhead memo dated 5/15/62, concerning captioned
matter. Also enclosed for EP are two copies of this
letterhead memo and one copy is enclosed for DL.

The confidential source mentioned in enclosed
letterhead memo is [redacted] who furnished information to
SA WILFRED L. BERGERON on 5/2, 11/62. SA PAUL F. DOUGHERTY
obtained information on 5/15/62, set forth in enclosed
letterhead memo from the U. S. Senate Telephone Directory -
Spring, 1962, and from [redacted] U. S. Senate
Disbursing Office. The remaining investigation set forth
in the enclosed letterhead memo was conducted by SA COY M.
IVY on 5/15/62.

EP is requested to identify [redacted]
[redacted] M. G. Todd
Company.

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2 - El Paso (58-59) (Enc. 2)
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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.
May 15, 1962

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN PROPERTY
BRIBERY; CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

Telephone Number REpublic 7-4142, Washington, D. C., is listed to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). DU 8 is a direct dialing prefix for USDA.

The USDA Telephone Directory for January, 1962, reflects the following listings: RE 7-4142, Extension 4269 is the listing for Carl J. Miller, Room 266, Liberty Loan Building. Miller is Chief, United States Warehouse Act Branch, Special Services Division, Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), USDA.

DU 8-7043 is the direct dialing number for William E. Morris, former Assistant to Dr. James T. Rapp, former Assistant Secretary for Agricultural Stabilization. RE 7-4142, Extension 7043, is the USDA telephone number for William E. Morris.

RE 7-4142, Extension 3351, is the telephone number for John C. Bagwell. Bagwell is Chief, Office of General Counsel, Room 2031, South Building, USDA. DU 8-2500 is the direct dialing number for Bagwell.

The Washington Metropolitan Area Telephone Directory (WMATD) fails to list a prefix telephone number RE 2, therefore, there is no telephone number RE 2-4142 in Washington, D. C. The USDA Telephone Directory for January, 1962, reflects that RE 7-4142, Extension 3415, is listed to Emery E. Jacobs, West Administration Building, Room 243. DU 8-3415 is the direct dialing number for Jacobs at USDA. Jacobs was former Deputy Administrator, State and County Operations, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS), USDA.

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DU 8-3111 is the direct dialing number for Dr. James T. Ralph, Assistant Secretary, Agricultural Stabilization, Commodity Credit Corporation, Room 210, Administration Building, USDA.

[redacted]
[redacted] Deputy Administrator, State and County Operations [redacted] ASCS, West Administration Building, USDA.

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A confidential source advised that Telephone Number EL 6-4521, McLean, Virginia, is the residence for William E. Morris, 3806 Basil Road, McLean, Virginia. This telephone number is now 356-4521.

WMATD reflects that Telephone Number JA 5-4951 is listed to a Joseph A. Moss, 437 North Manchester, Arlington, Virginia. The USDA Telephone Directory for January, 1962, shows a Joseph A. Moss as Director, Cotton Division, ASCS, Room 5725, South Building, USDA.

WMATD shows that EXecutive 3-2216 is listed to the Statler Hilton Hotel, Central Reservations, 1001 16th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

CL 6-9155 is listed to a Jerry R. Holleman, 624 DeLashmut Circle, Falls Church, Virginia. It is noted that a Jerry R. Holleman was formerly Assistant Secretary of Labor, United States Labor Department, Washington, D. C.

Pretext telephone inquiry at Telephone Number NA 8-9774 determined that this number is listed to National Farmers Union, Room 700, 1404 New York Avenue, Washington, D. C. [redacted]
National Farmers Union.

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A confidential source advised that AD 2-7700 is listed to the Manchester Hotel, 1426 M Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

[redacted] Manchester Hotel, 1426 M Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., advised that [redacted]

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[redacted] New York. resided at this hotel from [redacted]

He informed that there is no Extension 538 in the hotel nor is there a room 538. He stated that [redacted] was [redacted] hotel by the National Farmers Union, 1404 New York Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C.

WMATD fails to reflect a prefix of CA 5, therefore, there is no listing for CA 5-2000. CO 5-2000, according to WMATD, is the telephone number for the Sheraton Park Hotel, 2660 Connecticut Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C.

[redacted] Sheraton Park Hotel. advised that [redacted] Texas. [redacted] M. G. Todd Company, [redacted] hotel from [redacted]

The hotel records reflect that [redacted] made the following telephone calls while residing at this hotel:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Party Called</u>	<u>Length of Call</u>	<u>Cost of Call</u>
3/15/62	Billie Sol Estes, eight minutes HI 5-4916		\$5.61
3/15/62	Collect call from Not shown [redacted] Texas, Hickory [redacted]		11.17
3/20/62	Pecos, Texas, HI 5-3034	ten minutes	5.45
3/20/62	Dallas. Texas. [redacted]	eleven minutes	5.56
3/21/62	Dallas. Texas. [redacted]	eleven minutes	5.56
3/15/62	Pecos, Texas HI 5-2998	Not shown	7.32

RE BILLIE SOL ESTES

3/21/62	Dallas, Texas. [redacted]	two minutes	2.92
3/21/62	Pecos, Texas HI 2-4916, Estes	seven minutes	5.12
3/22/62	Pecos, Texas, HI 5-3721	fifteen minutes	7.92
3/22/62	Dallas, Texas, EV 1-3141, Ironette	two minutes	2.48

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[redacted] informed that [redacted] was charged for 15 local calls while residing at the hotel, however, there is no record reflecting the parties to whom these calls were made since the hotel registers such calls by meter keeping track only of the number of calls placed.

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[redacted] United States Senate Disbursing Office, advised that [redacted] Senator Ralph W. Yarborough, Texas, [redacted] Washington, D. C., area addresses include [redacted] Virginia (1961: [redacted] Virginia), 1959; [redacted] Maryland. An out of town address in 1957 was [redacted] Texas, [redacted] [redacted] American Embassy Lima Peru [redacted] [redacted] by Senator Yarborough.

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A United States Senate Telephone Directory, Spring - 1962, reflects the following information: "Senator Ralph W. Yarborough, Texas, Room 460, Senate Office Building, Telephone CA 4-3121, Extension 5922."

The directory shows that Congressman J. T. Ruterford, Texas, has Telephone CA 4-3121, Extension 3635, and his 1962 address is room 1315, New House Office Building.

The directory also shows that [redacted]

Senator [redacted]

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RE BILLIE SOL ESTES

Yarborough (former Assistant United States Attorney, and
former Departmental Attorney Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.) [redacted]

Senator Yarborough.

The directory also shows that [redacted]

[redacted] Senator Yarborough and
[redacted]

According to the directory, [redacted]

[redacted] Vice President Lyndon B.

Johnson, [redacted]
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URGENT 5-16-62 3-39 PM MST BEC

TO DIRECTOR /29-28704/ AND SACS, DALLAS /58-188/, WASHINGTON
FIELD /87-8242/ AND EL PASO

FROM SAC, SALT LAKE CITY /87-9363/ 2P

BILLIE SOL ESTES, AKA, ET AL, ITSP, BRIBERY, COI. OO DALLAS.
RE WASHINGTON FIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU, DALLAS AND SALT LAKE
CITY, FIFTEENTH INST.

J. TAYLOR ALLEN, FARMER, PROVO, UTAH, FORMER SOUTHWEST AREA
DIRECTOR, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE /USDA/, ADVISES IN SWORN
STATEMENT, ATTENDED AS OBSERVER MEETING AT COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS,
ABOUT JANUARY SEVENTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTYONE, WITH HENRY MARSHALL,

PECOS VALLEY COTTON

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GROWERS, AND FNU MATTOX, REEVES COUNTY AGRICULTURE STABILIZATION
COMMITTEEMAN. NO OTHERS PRESENT.

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PRESENTED PLAN TO HAVE COTTON ACREAGE ALLOTMENTS
TRANSFERRED FROM EASTERN TEXAS TO PECOS VALLEY IN WESTERN TEXAS.
MARSHALL TOLD SUCH TRANSFER COULD NOT BE ALLOWED UNDER
USDA REGULATION. ALLEN EXPRESSED SAME OPINION AS MARSHALL AT
MEETING. ALLEN DOES NOT RECALL WHETHER MATTOX EXPRESSED ANY OPINION.

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[REDACTED] WHILE WITH ALLEN ON FIRST PART OF ALLEN-S PLANE FLIGHT FROM COLLEGE STATION TO DALLAS ON SAME DATE, REITERATED OPINION TRANSFER SHOULD BE ALLOWED. ALLEN, TO HIS OWN KNOWLEDGE, HAS NEVER MET NOR CORRESPONDED WITH ESTES AND DOES NOT RECALL ESTES NAME BEING MENTIONED AT MEETING.

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FOR INFO OF EL PASO, ALLEN INTERVIEWED AS RESULT OF ARTICLE APPEARING WASHINGTON, DC, NEWSPAPERS STATING [REDACTED] FOR ESTES, AND WILLIAM P. MATTOX, REEVES COUNTY STABILIZATION COMMITTEE, WERE WARNED BY MARSHALL ON JANUARY SEVENTEEN, SIXTYONE AT COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS, THAT PLAN TO TRANSFER COTTON ALLOTMENTS TO WEST TEXAS ILLEGAL.

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EL PASO INTERVIEW MATTOX AND [REDACTED] IMMEDIATELY FOR FULL DETAILS. INTERVIEW SHOULD BE UNDER OATH. IMMEDIATELY SUTEL BUREAU AND WASHINGTON FIELD SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW AND FOLLOW WITH REPORT.

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ESTES REPORTED TO HAVE SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

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RE RICHMOND TEL THIS DATE.

RE RICHMOND TEL. CO.
TELEPHONE COMPANY COVERING ENTIRE STATE OF MARYLAND
ADVISED NO SUCH TELEPHONE NUMBER PREFIX AS FOUR SEVEN NINE IN
THE STATE OF MARYLAND. RICHMOND TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED OF ABOVE
AND INSTRUCTED TO RECHECK THEIR SOURCE RE TELEPHONE NUMBER. 29-28704-553

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URGENT 5-16-62 12-18 PM GRJ

TO DIRECTOR, FBI /29-28704/ AND SACS, SAN FRANCISCO AND
WASHINGTON FIELD

FROM SAC, LOS ANGELES /58-497/ 1P

BILLIE SOL ESTES/ ET AL. BRIBERY/ COI. OO DALLAS.

RE RICHMOND TEL DATED MAY SIXTEEN, INSTANT.

RECORDS PACIFIC TELEPHONE COMPANY, LOS ANGELES, REFLECT
CALIFORNIA CODE NINE ONE SIX FOR TELEPHONE NUMBER FOUR FOUR
FIVE DASH FOUR SEVEN ONE ONE, IS ASSIGNED SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA
NUMBER HICKORY FIVE DASH FOUR SEVEN ONE ONE.

CALIFORNIA CODE NINE ONE SIX WITH TELEPHONE NUMBER
THREE FOUR TWO DASH EIGHT ONE THREE EIGHT IS ASSIGNED CHICO,
CALIFORNIA WITH TELEPHONE NUMBER FIRESIDE TWO DASH EIGHT ONE
THREE EIGHT

SAN FRANCISCO IDENTIFY SUBSCRIBERS AND ALSO VERIFY CODE
NUMBERS AND SUTEL RESULTS. DALLAS ADVISED BY AM.

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TO DIRECTOR FBI 29-28704 AND SACS WFO 87-8242, RICHMOND
58-185, AND DALLAS

FROM SAC, SPRINGFIELD 58-97 2P *Bilsol*
BILLIE SOL ESTES, ETAL, BRIBERY, COI. OO/DALLAS. RE RICHMOND
TEL TO BUREAU RECEIVED SPRINGFIELD MAY SIXTEEN INSTANT.

RE TOLL CALL CHARGED TO TELEPHONES OF SUBJECTS FROM
CENTRALIA, ILL., DEC. TWENTYNINE SIXTYONE, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] CREDIT BUREAU, CENTRALIA, ILL.,
FURNISHED FOLLOWING INFO FROM CREDIT REPORT BY HER BUREAU AUG.
FIFTYSEVEN AND REVIEW CURRENT TELEPHONE DIRECTORY/

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CENTRALIA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DURING PERTINENT PERIOD ISSUED L. D. MAY PAREN DECEASED PAREN

[REDACTED] ATTENDED GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY, D.C.,
DAVIES LABORATORY, RESIDED [REDACTED]

MD. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ILL. BILL TELEPHONE CO. CREDIT REPORT REFLECTS

[REDACTED] DURING FIFTYTWO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MD. [REDACTED]

CONGRESSMAN, W. G. SPIGLER, FROM STATE OF OKLAHOMA.

[REDACTED] ADVISED NO CURRENT INFO AS TO [REDACTED]

PRESENT EMPLOYMENT OR ADDRESS.

SPRINGFIELD INDICES NEGATIVE.

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URGENT 5-16-62 2-21 PM VLR
TO DIRECTOR FBI 29-28704, SACS ATLANTA 87-8671 AND
DALLAS 58-188
FROM SAC RICHMOND 58-185

BILLIE SOL ESTES, DR. JAMES T. RALPH, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF
AGRICULTURE, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, WASHINGTON,
D., C., WILLIAM E. MORRIS, AKA WILLIAM EDGAR MORRIS, WILLIAM
EUGENE MORRIS, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY
OF AGRICULTURE, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, WASHINGTON,
D. C., EMERY E. JACOBS, AKA QUOTE RED UNQUOTE QUOTE JAKE
UNQUOTE, FORMER DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR, AGRICULTURAL STABILI-
ZATION AND CONSERVATION SERVICE, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE, WASHINGTON, D. C., [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AGRICULTURAL STABILIZATION AND CONSERVATION SERVICE,
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, WASHINGTON, D. C.

BRIBERY, CONFLICT OF INTEREST

OO DALLAS

RE RICHMOND TELETYPE TO BUREAU, AND ATLANTA TELETYPE TO
RICHMOND THIS DATE.

FULL TITLE SET FORTH PURSUANT TO ATLANTA REQUEST.

TOLL CALL TICKET CHARGED TO TELEPHONE OF DR. JAMES T. RALPH,

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] CODE NUMBER REFLECTS THIS TO BE A GEORGIA

LISTING.

ATLANTA IDENTIFY SUBSCRIBER AND SUTEL RESULTS TO BUREAU.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI /29-28704/
FROM SAC, ST. LOUIS /58-188/ 1P

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL., BRIBERY. COI. OO DASH DALLAS.

RE RICHMOND TELETYPE, MAY FIFTEEN, SIXTYTWO

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May 16, 1962

BILLIE SOL ESTES

Our Dallas Office has advised that a suit was filed on May 15, 1962, in Amarillo, Texas, by the State of Texas, through Attorney General Will Wilson, charging Billie Sol Estes and others with violation of certain state laws.

The suit was brought under Title 126--Trust Conspiracies Against Trade, Article 7426-7447 inclusive, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, and the Constitution of Texas, to collect the penalties therein provided and to permanently enjoin the unlawful combinations, agreements, conspiracies, unlawful acts, conduct and practices in violation thereof as itemized in petition. The suit asks that the defendants be permanently enjoined from any such practices and that plaintiff have judgment in an amount not less than \$50 per day nor more than \$1,500 per day, from January 1, 1959 to date of trial. The petition is twenty-two pages in length.

Defendants named in the above suit are Billie Sol Estes; Billie Sol Estes doing business as (dba) Farmers Company; Billie Sol Estes, dba Lester-Stone Company; Billie Sol Estes, dba United Elevators; Commercial Solvents Corporation; Superior Manufacturing Company; Coleman D. McSpadden; Coleman D. McSpadden, dba Associated Growers of Hereford; Harold E. Orr and Ruel Alexander.

The State District Attorney in Amarillo has advised that the State Grand jury will commence hearings in this case on May 23, 1962, on the criminal aspects of the State Antitrust Laws.

Copies of the petition filed in this matter will be obtained and furnished to you.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
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TO DIRECTOR FBI /29-28704/
FROM SAC OKLAHOMA CITY /87-7903/ 2P
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RE RICHMOND TEL TO DIRECTOR AND SACS, MAY SIXTEEN INSTANT, AND
BUAIRTEL TO WFO, DALLAS, EL PASO, NEW YORK, OKLAHOMA CITY, SEATTLE,
MAY FIFTEEN LAST, AND DALLAS AIRTEL TO DIRECTOR, MAY FIFTEEN LAST.

LAWTON, OKLAHOMA TELEPHONE NUMBER EL THREE DASH NINE EIGHT THREE
ZERO IS PAY PHONE LOCATED AT FORT SILL, OKLAHOMA, BUILDING T DASH
TWO ONE ZERO, IN WEST WING OF OFFICERS LOUNGE.

WIFE OF EMERY E. JACOBS IS MARY ELIZABETH JACOBS, ONE NINE ZERO
FIVE N.W. THIRTYFIRST ST., OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA.

[REDACTED] CONGRESSMAN ED EDMONDSON [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] OKLAHOMA.

[REDACTED] RUSSELL E. DILL, USDA EMPLOYEE, CLINTON, OKLAHOMA, IS
[REDACTED] OKLAHOMA.

[REDACTED] HARVEY E. WHITE, USDA EMPLOYEE, CLINTON, OKLAHOMA, IS

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URGENT 5-16-62 6-55 PM PDST EMK

TO DIRECTOR, FBI /29-28704/ AND SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD /87-8242/
FROM SAC, SAN FRANCISCO /58-335/ 5 P

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL, BRIBERY, CONFLICT OF INTEREST. OO DALLAS.

RE RICHMOND TEL MAY FIFTEEN LAST AND LOS ANGELES TEL MAY SIXTEEN
INSTANT.

[REDACTED] PACIFIC TELEPHONE COMPANY, SACRAMENTO,
CALIFORNIA, WHOSE IDENTITY SHOULD BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL, ADVISED ON
MAY SIXTEEN INSTANT THAT NO. FOUR FOUR TWO DASH FIVE NAUGHT EIGHT ONE
IS ASSIGNED TO THE SENATOR HOTEL, TWELFTH AND L STREET, SACRAMENTO,
CALIFORNIA.

NO. FOUR FOUR FIVE DASH FOUR SEVEN ONE ONE IS THE NUMBER ASSIGNED
TO THE ~~SENATOR~~ STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

[REDACTED] SENATOR HOTEL, ADVISED ON MAY SIXTEEN
INSTANT THAT THE INDIVIDUAL KNOWN AS [REDACTED] MAY BE IDENTICAL WITH
[REDACTED] WHO REGISTERED AT THE HOTEL ON [REDACTED]

HE ADVISED THAT THE MANAGEMENT LATER LEARNED THAT [REDACTED] WAS APPAR-
ENTLY A CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF AN INDIVIDUAL KNOWN AS [REDACTED]

HE ADVISED THAT THE MANAGEMENT HAD

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LEARNED THAT [REDACTED] HAD OCCUPIED [REDACTED] SUITE FOR SOME PERIOD OF TIME DURING MARCH SIXTY TWO AND ON MARCH THIRTY, SIXTY TWO, LEFT THE HOTEL LEAVING A FORWARDING ADDRESS OF [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] CALIFORNIA.

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT [REDACTED] DISCONTINUED HIS BUSINESS AT THE HOTEL LOCATION ABOUT APRIL ONE, SIXTY TWO, AND THAT HIS OFFICE EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS WERE BEING HELD BY THE HOTEL IN LIEU OF AN UNPAID HOTEL BILL TOTALING THREE THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED, TWENTY SIX DOLLARS AND THIRTY THREE CENTS. HE STATED THAT [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] CALIFORNIA.

[REDACTED] RETAILERS CREDIT ASSOCIATION, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ADVISED ON MAY SIXTEEN LAST THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CALIFORNIA, HAD

BEEN IN THE SACRAMENTO AREA SINCE FIFTY FOUR, AND FROM JULY FIFTY FOUR TO JULY FIFTY FIVE HE WAS REPORTED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] GOVERNOR KNIGHT, STATE OF CALIFORNIA. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MILO-S BUYERS GUIDE, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, AND IN FORTY NINE WAS REPORTEDLY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] RENT CONTROL OFFICE, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT ACCORDING TO THEIR REPORT [REDACTED] HAD

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DURING YEARS PRIOR TO FORTY NINE [REDACTED]

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SHIPYARDS, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA. PRIOR TO THE GRAHAM SHIPYARD [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CONGRESSMAN STUBBS, WASHINGTON, D.C.

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CALIFORNIA RESEARCH AND PUBLIC RELATIONS AND

CLAIMS TO HAVE AN ANNUAL SALARY OF TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS.

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT THE FILE DID NOT REVEAL ANY INFORMATION

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CONCERNING [REDACTED]

CREDIT BUREAU FILES AT SAN FRANCISCO SHOW [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CALIF., IN FEB-

RUARY SIXTY TWO. RECORDS FURTHER SHOW THAT IN FORTY EIGHT HE CLAIMED TO BE WITH CALIFORNIA STATE BUREAU OF RECLAMATION, SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA, SINCE FORTY SIX AND PRIOR TO FORTY EIGHT HE CLAIMED TO HAVE BEEN WITH FARM SECURITY ADMINISTRATION AND OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES. HE WAS INTERVIEWED IN FIFTY ONE BY CREDIT BUREAU REPRESENTATIVES AT WHICH TIME WAS [REDACTED] HOME STAKES MINING COMPANY, ONE HUNDRED BUSH STREET, SAN FRANCISCO, AND SAID HE HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY EMPLOYED BY FEDERAL BUREAU OF RECLAMATION FOR THREE YEARS. IN SIXTY ONE HE CLAIMED TO BE EMPLOYED BY STATE OF CALIFORNIA STATE

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LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE BUT THIS COULD NOT BE VERIFIED. IN DECEMBER SIXTY ONE HE CLAIMED TO BE WITH THE CALIFORNIA STATE ASSEMBLY, SACRAMENTO.

HE APPEARS TO BE IDENTICAL WITH [REDACTED] LGE CASE, NINETEEN FORTY EIGHT, AT WHICH TIME HE WAS EMPLOYED BY BUREAU OF RECLAMATION, DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR, SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA, AND INFORMATION DEVELOPED INDICATED ASSOCIATION WITH LIBERAL ELEMENT.

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THE SACRAMENTO CITY AND TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES DO NOT REVEAL A LISTING IN THE NAME OF [REDACTED]

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IT IS NOTED THAT WHEN [REDACTED] REGISTERED AT THE SENATOR HOTEL ON MARCH EIGHT LAST HE LISTED HIS ADDRESS AS SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, WITHOUT LISTING A STREET ADDRESS.

[REDACTED] LISTED AS THE INDIVIDUAL CALLED AT THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TELEPHONE NUMBER, IS PROBABLY [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] STATE OF CALIFORNIA. IT IS NOTED THAT

[REDACTED] FEDERAL JUDGE DAL LEMMON PAREN

DECEASED. END PAREN.

TELEPHONE CODE AREA NO. [REDACTED]

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IS LISTED TO

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[REDACTED] CALIFORNIA. [REDACTED]

WHICH IS A VERY LARGE RANCH ENGAGED PRINCIPALLY IN CATTLE AND RICE
PRODUCTION. AM COPIES TO DALLAS AND EL PASO.

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URGENT 5-16-62 4-55 PM EDST JJV

TO DIRECTOR, FBI /29-28704/ AND SACS , DALLAS AND RICHMOND
FROM SAC, NEWARK /58-440/

BILLIE SOL ESTES., ET AL
BRIBERY., COI
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RE RICHMOND TELETYPE TO BUREAU MAY SIXTEEN LAST.
CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY TELEPHONE DIRECTORY REFLECTS NUMBER
SIX SIX TWO DASH FOUR EIGHT ZERO SEVEN LISTED TO GEORGE
R. DANENHOWER, SR., FIFTY WEST MAPLE AVENUE, MERCHANTVILLE,
NEW JERSEY. NO LISTING LOCATED FOR SPELLINGS

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OR ANY NAMES OF SIMILAR SPELLING.

GEORGE R. DANENHOWER, SR. IN NINETEEN FIFTY SEVEN
WAS A SALESMAN FOR FISHER MOTORS, COLLINGSWOOD, NEW JERSEY,
AND HIS WIFE, AGNES, WAS THEN A STENOFAK OPERATOR FOR RCA,
CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY. GEORGE IS SIXTY YEARS OF AGE AND BORN
ONE NINETEEN ZERO TWO. IN NINETEEN FIFTY SEVEN, DANENHOWER-S
ADDRESS WAS FOUR ONE FOUR WEST MAPLE AVENUE, MERCHANTVILLE.

ESTES MAY HAVE SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

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URGENT 5-17-62 4-19 PM MST IJP

TO - DIRECTOR, FBI, ATTENTION - GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION
AND SAC, DALLAS

FROM - SAC, EL PASO "58-59" 2-PAGES

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ITSP - BRIBERY.

FOR INFORMATION DALLAS, FOLLOWING TELETYPE RECEIVED THIS DATE
FROM BUREAU

QUOTE, ITEMS IN THE PRESS STATE THAT FIVE POINT TWO MILLION
BUSHEL OF WHEAT HAVE BEEN MOVED INTO ESTES OWN ELEVATORS FROM
KANSAS, MISSOURI, NEBRASKA AND ALABAMA AT A COST TO THE GOVERNMENT
OF OVER FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS. EL PASO INITIATE INVESTIGA-
TION TO DETERMINE ANY POSSIBILITY OF BRIBERY OR FAVORITISM AND IF
ABOVE STATEMENT IS TRUE. END QUOTE.

INFORMATION IN POSSESSION EL PASO REVEALS THAT NONE OF ESTES-
ELEVATORS LOCATED EL PASO DIVISION. HOWEVER, HE DOES OWN OR HAVE
OWNERSHIP IN UNITED ELEVATORS, PLAINVIEW, SOUTH PLAIN GRAIN CO.,
LEVELLAND, FARM GRAIN AND WAREHOUSE, LAMESA, ALLIED ELEVATORS,
HEREFORD, HALE COUNTY GRAIN CO., PLAINVIEW, AND PALO DURO GRAIN CO.,
TULIA, ALL TEXAS.

EL PASO INTERVIEWING [REDACTED]
BUREAU AND DALLAS WILL BE ADVISED.

DALLAS AS REQUESTED IN BUREAU TELETYPE, INSTANT, INITIATE
INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE ANY POSSIBILITY BRIBERY OR FAVORITISM

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RELATIVE TO INSTANT PRESS STATEMENT AND IF ABOVE STATEMENT IS TRUE.
ESTES MAY HAVE SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

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URGENT 5-17-62 5-59 PM EST BJS
TO DIRECTOR, FBI /29-28704/ SACS, WFO AND SAC, DALLAS
FROM SAC, LOUISVILLE /58-74/ 2P
BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL, BRIBERY - COI. OO. DALLAS.
RE RICHMOND TEL TO BUREAU DECEMBER TWENTYSEVEN LAST.

LEXINGTON, KY. PHONE [REDACTED]

UNIVERSITY

OF KY., LEXINGTON, RESIDENCE [REDACTED]

KY. [REDACTED]

TENN. WILL RECEIVE

PARENTS ARE [REDACTED]

TENN. [REDACTED]

ATTENDED HIGH SCHOOL

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HENDERSONVILLE, TENN.

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RECORDS LEXINGTON, KY., CREDIT BUREAU REFLECT CARD IN
FILE SINCE NINETEEN FIFTYSEVEN. STUDENT UNIVERSITY OF KY.,

VOEGLER DRUGS, LEXINGTON.

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JAMES T. RALPH.

ESTES REPORTED TO HAVE "SUICIDAL TENDENCIES."

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URGENT 5-17-62 6-07PM EST JFB

TO DIRECTOR /29-28704/ AND SACS PITTSBURGH AND DALLAS /58-188/
FROM SAC RICHMOND /58-185/ 1P
BILLIE SOL ESTES, AKA., ET AL.
BRIBERY, COI. OO - DALLAS.

RE WASHINGTON FIELD TEL MAY ELEVEN LAST, AND BURAD TO ALL
CONTINENTAL OFFICES, MAY TWELVE LAST.

CHECK OF TOLL CALLS OF TELEPHONE OF DR. JAMES T. RALPH, MC LEAN,
VA., TELEPHONE NUMBER THREE FIVE SIX DASH SEVEN TWO TWO ONE, REFLECTS
THAT ON JUNE FOURTEEN, SIXTYONE A TELEPHONE CALL WAS MADE TO [REDACTED]

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PITTSBURGH IDENTIFY SUBSCRIBER TO TELEPHONE AND SUTEL

BUREAU AND DALLAS.

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From: Director, FBI

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[redacted] of the Department advised he would desire Mary K. Jones be interviewed in the presence of her attorney, if she so desired, for all information in possession of Miss Jones regarding this case.

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During the interview with Miss Jones with Hales present, Hales should be asked to identify exactly which files of the Department of Agriculture would be needed by him to substantiate his allegations that Estes was given preferential treatment by the Department of Agriculture.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (29-28704)

FROM: SAC, WFO (87-8242) (P)

BILLIE SOL ESTES, et al
ITSP; BRIBERY; COI
(OO: DL)

ReWFOairtel to Bureau 5/16/62, concerning efforts of WFO to interview Miss MARY K. JONES, former secretary to N. BATTLE HALES.

Miss MARY K. JONES is not available for interview at the present time due to the condition of her health. It is possible she may be available at a later date to be interviewed in the presence of her attorney, HALES, under his conditions. It is recommended that this matter be referred to the Department so that it may be determined whether this should be done. If this interview is conducted in this manner, under HALES' conditions, HALES could control the information given by Miss JONES. It is further suggested that the Department may desire to subpoena Miss JONES before a Grand Jury.

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URGENT 5-17-62 10-10 PM CST GLH

TO DIRECTOR FBI /29-28704/

AND SAC DALLAS /58-188/

FROM SAC KANSAS CITY /58-194/ P1

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ETAL, BRIBERY, COI. DALLAS OO.

REDACTED MAY FOURTEEN LAST.

WAREHOUSE ACT

BRANCH, USDA, WICHITA, KANSAS, INTERVIEWED THIS DATE. ALL
DENIED RECEIVING ANY GIFTS FROM ESTES, EXTENDING ANY FAVORS
TO HIM OR ATTENDING ANY CONFERENCES WITH HIM WHEREIN LICENSING
OR BONDING OF ESTES WAREHOUSES DISCUSSED.

REDACTED HAVE NEVER MET ESTES OR WORKED ON HIS WAREHOUSES.

REDACTED HAVE MET ESTES ONCE,

REVIEW POSTAL MONEY ORDERS, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI,
COMPLETED. NO ADDITIONAL PERTINENT INFORMATION DEVELOPED.

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URGENT 5-16-62-XXX 5-17-62 8-49 PM MST RAR

TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, WFO, ATTN. MR. WELTE, GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE
DIVISION.

FROM SAC, EL PASO, /58-59/ 2 P

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL, ITSP - BRIBERY. OO DALLAS.

RE SALT LAKE TELETYPE TO THE DIRECTOR DATED MAY SIXTEEN LAST.

RE INTERVIEW WITH J. TAYLOR ALLEN. W. P. MATTOX, PECOS, TEXAS,
GAVE SIGNED SWORN STATEMENT THIS DATE STATING THIS DATE ABOUT JANUARY
SEVENTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTY ONE HE ATTENDED MEETING AT COLLEGE STATION,
TEXAS, WITH HENRY MARSHALL, TAYLOR ALLEN, SOUTH WEST AREA DIRECTOR,
USDA, [REDACTED] TEXAS, [REDACTED]

ASC [REDACTED]

MATTOX STATED NEITHER ALLEN OR MARSHALL CLAIMED PROPOSED

CONTRACT RE ALLOTTED CROP ACREAGE WHICH WAS EFFECTED BY CONDEMNATION
PROCEEDINGS WAS ILLEGAL. MATTOX ASSERTS MARSHALL ONLY STATE
PERTINENT REGULATIONS BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO. PROPOSED TRANSACTIONS
WOULD BE VALID IF SALE OF LAND AND LEASES WERE BONA FIDE. MATTOX ASSERTS
ALLEN STATED ANY SALES MUST BE CLARIFIED BY EXECUTION OF FORM CSS ONE
SEVEN EIGHT - AN AFFIDAVIT EXECUTED BY A BUYER CERTIFYING THAT THERE
HAD BEEN NO SUBTERFUGE INVOLVED IN TRANSACTIONS, OTHERWISE APPARENTLY
SALES ALL RIGHT.

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MATTOX STATED THAT THE TYPICAL SITUATION CONTEMPLATED WAS FOR PERSONS IN REEVES COUNTY, TEXAS TO SELL LAND TO FARMERS WHOSE LAND HAD BEEN TAKEN AT DONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS THEREBY EFFECTING ALLOTTED CROP ACREAGE. PRACTICE RE ALLOTMENTS EFFECTED WAS TO POOL ALLOTMENTS WITH THE STATE AND TO BE CLAIMED BY FARMER AFTER RELOCATING. AFTER SALE OF LAND SELLER WAS TO LEASE THE FARM BACK FROM BUYER.

[REDACTED] ADVISED HE WILL GIVE SIGNED SWOR^{b6}_{b7C} STATEMENT ON MEETING AND RELATED ISSUED MAY EIGHTEEN NEXT, AND WILL BE INTERVIEWED.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO ADVISE IF OTHER PARTIES PRESENT AT MEETING JANUARY SEVENTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTY ONE, SHOULD BE INTERVIEWED.

ESTES MAY HAVE SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

~~CORRECTION PG. ONE LINE ELEVEN LAST WORD SHLD BE "STATED"~~

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI /29-28704/ AND SAC-S, ATLANTA,
DALLAS, EL PASO, AND HOUSTON

FROM SAC, MOBILE /87-3873/ 3 P

BILLIE SOL ESTES AKA / ET AL. BRIBERY, COI. DALLAS
ORIGIN.

RE TELETYPE FROM DALLAS THIS DATE.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] ALABAMA ASCS STATE OFFICE, MONTGOMERY, ALA.,
INTERVIEWED IN ABSENCE OF HIGHER OFFICIAL.

[REDACTED] ADVISED ONE [REDACTED] PURPORTEDLY REPRESENTING
BILLIE SOL ESTES IN ALABAMA COUNTIES OF BARBOUR AND
CHEROKEE IN MARCH SIXTYONE, SEEKING INFORMATION ON AVAILABLE
COTTON IN POOLS AND CONTACTING FARMERS WHO HAD COTTON
ALLOTMENTS IN POOLS. THIS INFORMATION CALLED TO ATTENTION
OF WASHINGTON HEADQUARTERS AND BY MEMO DATED APRIL TWELVE,
SIXTYONE EMERY E. JACOBS, DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR, PRODUCE
ADJUSTMENT, ADVISED THAT COUNTY COMMITTEE IN TEXAS SHOULD
NOT APPROVE FOR TRANSFER OF POOLED ALLOTMENTS UNDER CONTRACT
AND AGREEMENT UTILIZED IN CONNECTION WITH PURCHASING OF LAND

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BY FARMERS HAVING COTTON ALLOTMENTS IN POOL.

IN MAY AND JUNE, SIXTYONE ALABAMA ASCS OFFICE RECEIVED
MEMORANDA FROM [REDACTED]
TEXAS ASC STATE OFFICE, COLLEGE STATION TEXAS, REQUESTING
POOLED COTTON ALLOTMENT INFORMATION ON SIX BARBOUR COUNTY
AND EIGHT CHEROKEE COUNTY, ALABAMA FARMS. ALABAMA STATE
COMMITTEE WROTE DIRECTOR^{EC} OF COTTON DIVISION IN WASHINGTON,
D. C. , ADVISING OF RECEIPT OF THIS MEMORANDA FROM TEXAS AND
REQUESTING A REVIEW OF THE MATTER WITH THE TEXAS STATE OFFICE
AND ASKING THAT THE ALABAMA COMMITTEE BE ADVISED OF THE
ACTION TO BE TAKEN.

BY MEMO AUGUST ELEVEN, SIXTYONE, THE TEXAS STATE OFFICE
WITHDREW ITS REQUEST FOR POOLED ALLOTMENT DATA ON INSTRUCTIONS
FROM THE DIRECTOR OF THE COTTON DIVISION, WASHINGTON.

ESTES OBTAINED NO ALLOTMENTS FROM ALABAMA AND THERE IS
NO INDICATION ANYONE CONTACTED ANY ALABAMA STATE ASCS OFFICIAL
ON BEHALF OF ESTES.

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT IF TEXAS ASCS REQUESTED TRANSFER OF
ALLOTMENTS THE ALABAMA ASCS WOULD HAVE NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO
TRANSFER THE ALLOTMENTS AND NO OUTSIDE INFLUENCE WOULD
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AFFECTED THE ASCS ACTIONS.

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4-5-18-62 11-02 PM EST RJS

TO DIRECTOR, FBI 29-28704 AND SAC, DALLAS/29-1096/
FROM SAC, INDIANAPOLIS /87-9632/ 3P
BILLIE SOL ESTES, AKA, ITSP /BRIBERY/COI.

RE INDIANAPOLIS TELETYPE AND TELEPHONE CALL FROM MR.
WELTE OF THE BUREAU TO INDIANAPOLIS THIS DATE AND BUTEL MAY
SEVENTEEN LAST.

[REDACTED] ASSOCIATES INVESTMENT
CO., SOUTH BEND, INDIANA, ADVISED THIS DATE HIS PURPOSE IN
MAKING TRIP TO ASSOCIATES INVESTMENT COMPANY, LUBBOCK, TEXAS,
WAS THE RESULT OF SEVERAL ARTICLES ON ESTES APPEARING IN
"PECOS INDEPENDENT", A LOCAL NEWSPAPER ASKING QUESTIONS SUCH
AS HOW MANY NH-THREE TANKS ARE THERE, WHY WOULD THERE BE SO
MANY NECESSARY, AND ARE THEY IN EXISTENCE.

[REDACTED] WANTED TO FIND OUT HOW FAR ASSOCIATES INVESTMENT
COMPANY WAS IN THIS MATTER AND HOW THEY COULD GET ON
THAT TIME ASSOCIATES THOUGHT THE PAPER OF NH-THREE TANKS WAS
LEGITIMATE. HE SPENT APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS WITH [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED] ASSOCIATES INVESTMENT COMPANY, IN LUBBOCK, TRYING TO WORK OUT SOME ARRANGEMENT OF PAYMENT.

ON SUNDAY, MARCH EIGHTEEN, SIXTY TWO, ON THEIR WAY^Y BACK FROM EL PASO TO LUBBOCK, TEXAS HE AND [REDACTED] STOPPED TO SEE ESTES AT PECOS, TEXAS FOR THE PURPOSE OF WORKING OUT AN ARRANGEMENT FOR PAYMENTS. [REDACTED] AND ESTES WERE ONLY ONES PRESENT AT THIS MEETING. ESTES PRODUCED A LIST OF FINANCIAL COMPANIES HE WAS INDEBTED TO AND EXPLAINED THERE WOULD BE A MEETING OF CREDITORS TO GET A REPAYMENT SCHEDULE WORKED OUT OVER A TEN YEAR PERIOD. IF THE CREDITORS WOULD NOT GO ALONG AND ACCEPT THIS REPAYMENT SCHEDULE, THEY WERE PREPARED TO DUMP IT OVER TO BANKRUPTCY. ESTES THEN STATED TO THE EFFECT THAT IF THIS OCCURRED, THERE WOULD BE A LOT OF FISH INVOLVED, SOME BIG ENOUGH TO FRY.

ESTES THEN INDICATED HE MIGHT BE ABLE TO MAKE SOME REPAYMENTS TO ASSOCIATES IN MARCH. WHEN ASKED WHERE THE MONEY WAS COMING FROM, ESTES EXPLAINED THAT WHEN HE GOT HIS PROBLEMS AS TO EMINENT DOMAIN AND COTTON ALLOTMENT STRAIGHTENED OUT, THAT ASSOCIATES WOULD BE PAID ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS. ESTES WAS THEN ASKED ABOUT HIS PROBLEMS
~~CORR LINE FOURTEEN WORD ELEVEN SHD E ENOUGH~~

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WITH COTTON AND ESTES SAID HE WOULD TAKE CARE OF THAT
ADDING HE WAS GOING TO SEE FREEMAN IN MAINE THE FOLLOWING
WEEK. [] STATED ESTES DID NOT ELABORATE ON THIS STATEMENT
AND IT WAS NOT PURSUED BECAUSE AT THIS TIME, [] DID
NOT KNOW WHO FREEMAN WAS OR WHO THE SECRETARY OF
AGRICULTURE WAS AND DID NOT KNOW UNTIL THE ESTES INCIDENT
HIT THE NEWSPAPER. [] FURTHER RELATED HE DID NOT KNOW
WHAT ESTES MEANT BY EMINENT DOMAIN OR COTTON ALLOTMENT
AND STILL DOES NOT.

[] STATED NO RECORDS OR NOTES WERE TAKEN OF THIS
MEETING AND HE WAS UNABLE ^{SPECIFICALLY} TO RECALL ANY ADDITIONAL PERTINENT
INFORMATION OF THIS MEETING.

DALLAS, AT LUBBOCK, TEXAS, SPECIFICALLY INTERVIEW
[] ASSOCIATES, RE ANY MENTION
OF NAME "FREMAN" AND VERIFICATION OF MATTER REFERRED TO
BY [] AND ANY ADDITIONAL PERTINENT INFORMATION RELATIVE
TO THIS MEETING.

ALSO INTERVIEW [] ALONG THE LINES OUTLINED IN
BUTEL MAY SEVENTEEN LAST.

AM COPY TO EL PASO.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI /29-28704/, AND SAC- S DALLAS, HOUSTON
EL PASO, ATLANTA, AND WASHINGTON FIELD
FROM SAC, MOBILE /87-4873/ 3 P

BILLIE SOL ESTES AKA ET AL. BRIBERY, COI. DALLAS
ORIGIN.

RE TELETYPE FROM DALLAS FIVE EIGHTEEN SIXTYTWO.
ALABAMA STATE COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE AND INDUSTRIES,
ROBERT CHALMERS BAMBERG AKA RED, UNIONTOWN, ALA. STATES
IN SWORN STATEMENT HE BECAME ACQUAINTED WITH JAMES T. RALPH
IN SIXTYONE WHEN RALPH SERVED AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF
AGRICULTURE IN CHARGE OF THE AGRICULTURE STABILIZATION AND
CONSERVATION SERVICE.

BAMBERG SERVED ON U. S. GOVERNMENT COTTON ADVISORY
BOARD FROM SPRING SIXTYONE UNTIL FIRST OF YEAR SIXTYTWO WHEN
RESIGNED. WHILE ON COTTON ADVISORY BOARD MET BILLIE SOL ESTES
WHO WAS ALSO MEMBER OF BOARD. BAMBERG STATES HE HAS HAD
PERSONAL CONTACT WITH RALPH ON AT LEAST FIFTEEN OCCASIONS
BY PHONE AND VISITS IN WASHINGTON, D. C. AND ALABAMA.

RALPH APPEARED WITH BAMBERG ON T. V. PROGRAM FALL OF
SIXTYONE MOBILE ALA. TO EXPLAIN KENNEDY ADMINISTRATION

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FARM PROGRAM AS IT RELATES TO STATE OF ALABAMA AGRICULTURE PROGRAM.

BAMBERG STATED RALPH HAS NEVER REQUESTED ANY FAVORS FROM HIM FOR BILLIE SOL ESTES OR ANY OTHER INDIVIDUAL. BAMBERG STATES ONLY CONTACTS HE EVER HAD WITH ESTES WAS DURING THREE OR FOUR MEETINGS OF COTTON ADVISORY BOARD IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

BAMBERG ADVISED IN SIXTYONE ESTES MADE ATTEMPTS TO OBTAIN COTTON ACREAGE ALLOTMENTS, CHEROKEE AND BARBOUR COUNTIES IN ALABAMA, WHICH ACREAGE HAD BEEN TAKEN OUT OF PRODUCTION BY DAMS BUILT ON RIVERS AND THE ACREAGE HAD BEEN FLOODED, HOWEVER STATE OF ALABAMA SUCCEEDED IN BLOCKING THE TRANSFER OF THESE COTTON ALLOTMENTS TO ESTES THROUGH U. S. GOVERNMENT AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT IN ALABAMA.

BAMBERG PRESENTLY SERVES AS MEMBER OF COMMODITY CREDIT ADVISORY BOARD WHICH BOARD RECOMMENDS POLICY TO THE COMMODITY CORPORATION FOR STORAGE OF AGRICULTURE COMMODITY
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AND HE EMPHASIZED HE HAS NEVER BEEN CONTACTED BY ANY
U. S. AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE ACTING ON BEHALF
OF ESTES NOR HAS ESTES CONTACTED HIM. REPORT FOLLOWS.

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URGENT 5-18-62 9-11 PM MST DRH

TO DIRECTOR, FBI, ATTENTION MR. WILLIAM WELTH, GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE
DIVISION

FROM SAC, EL PASO "58-59" 2 P

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL, ITSP DASH BRIBERY. OO DALLAS
DAILY SUMMARY.

WASHINGTON PROJECT. REPORT ON WASHINGTON PROJECT BEING DICTATED
AND EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO COMPLETE IT FOR FORWARDING BY PILOT
TO THE BUREAU MAY NINETEEN NEXT. BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

PHOTOGRAPHING OF THE RECORDS OF THE WEST TEXAS COMMUNICATIONS
CORPORATION, THE PERTINENT TELEPHONE RECORDS OF BILLIE SOL ESTES IN
PECOS, WILL BE COMPLETE APPROXIMATELY WEDNESDAY, MAY TWENTY THREE,
AND REVIEW APPROXIMATELY COB MAY TWENTY FIVE.

AN AGENT IN PECOS HAS A CASUAL PERSONAL ENCOUNTER WITH BILLIE
SOL ESTES AT SIX P.M. CENTRAL STANDARD TIME MAY EIGHTEEN INSTANT IN
PECOS. FOR INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU [REDACTED] ESTES-S

[REDACTED] SKY-
LANES CORPORATION, AN AIRCRAFT CHARTER SERVICE WITH HEADQUARTERS AT
HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS. [REDACTED] STILL HAS HIS HOME IN PECOS BUT HE
[REDACTED] SKYLANES.

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MR. HERB NICE, DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE, EL PASO, ADVISED FIVE FORTY FIVE, P.M. MST, TODAY THAT HE HAD RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE IMMIGRATION SERVICE TO SERVE A DEPARTURE NOTICE ON ESTES. MR. NICE SAID HE WAS SERVING THIS NOTICE THIS EVENING. THIS NOTICE ADVISES THE PERSON UPON WHOM IT IS SERVED THAT HE IS NOT TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY AND THE PENALTY FOR DOING SO IS A FINE OF FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS OR FIVE YEARS IMPRISONMENT OR BOTH. AS PART OF THIS NOTICE THE AIRLINES ARE NOTIFIED BY THE IMMIGRATION SERVICE IN SOME MANNER THAT THE PARTICULAR INDIVIDUAL HAS BEEN SERVED WITH A NOTICE.

THE INVESTIGATION TO ESTABLISH THE FALSITY OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT FILED BY ESTES DECEMBER THIRTY ONE, NINETEEN SIXTY, WITH THE AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT IS CONTINUING IN THE RECORDS OF BILLIE SOL ESTES ENTERPRISES.

[REDACTED] IS REPORTED TO BE WITH HER HUSBAND ^{b6}
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[REDACTED] AND DALLAS IS ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW HER.

DALLAS ADVISED BY AIR MAIL.

ESTES MAY HAVE SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

END AND ACK PLS.

12-20 AM OK FBI WA HFL

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
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Mr. Callahan	_____
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URGENT 5-21-62 9-10 PM CST LJH

TO DIRECTOR, FBI /29-28704/ ATTN. GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION,
AND SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD /87-8242/.

FROM SAC, DALLAS /58-188/ 2-P

BILLIE SOL ESTES, AKA, ET AL. ITSP DASH BRIBERY. DAILY SUMMARY.

BRIBERY ASPECTS. FIGURES OBTAINED FROM USDA, DALLAS,
TODAY SHOWING ALL GRAIN SHIPPED INTO ESTES- WAREHOUSES FROM
MIDWESTERN AREAS AND COMPARABLE FIGURES AS TO ALL OTHER WEST
TEXAS WAREHOUSES.

C. H. MOSELEY, USDA, DALLAS, ADVISED USDC, EL PASO, TODAY
APPROVED CONTINUANCE OF ESTES- WAREHOUSES UNDER RECEIVER.
MOSELEY DEPARTING DALLAS NOON TOMORROW FOR WASHINGTON TO TESTIFY
BEFORE FOUNTAIN COMMITTEE.

NUMEROUS INTERVIEWS IN PROGRESS WITH ASCS, FORMER AND
PRESENT STATE AND COUNTY COMMITTEEMEN. FORMER AND PRESENT BUSI-
NESS ASSOCIATES OF ESTES TO DETERMINE KNOWLEDGE OF GIFTS, BRIBES,
CONGRESSIONAL CONTACTS, CLAIMS OF INFLUENCE BY ESTES, ETC.

QUESTION AS TO WHETHER QUOTE DISPLACED FARMERS UNQUOTE

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WHOSE COTTON ALLOTMENTS ESTES SOUGHT SHOULD BE INTERVIEWED
POSED TO BUREAU IN SEPARATE TEL.

ITSP ASPECTS. COMMERCIAL CREDIT CORP., EMPLOYEE, AMARILLO,
ADVISED SUBPOENAED FOR SOME TYPE OF HEARING USDC, EL PASO, MAY
TWENTY-THREE NEXT.

ESTES MAY HAVE SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

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URGENT 5/21/62 327 PM BS
TO DIRECTOR, FBI 29-28704 #2 AND SACS, BALTIMORE, PHILADELPHIA
AND WASHINGTON FIELD

FROM SAC, NEW YORK 87-26066

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ITSP - BRIBERY.

REBUTEL TO NEW YORK AND BALTIMORE, FIVE NINETEEN SIXTY TWO. FOR
INFORMATION WFO AND PHILADELPHIA, RETEL REFLECTS..

"THE DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED.

AVAILABLE INFORMATION INDICATES THAT WALTER C. BERGER, PRESENTLY
DIRECTOR OF COMMERCIAL SOLVENTS, AND JAMES A. MC CONNELL, REPUTEDLY
ANOTHER OFFICIAL OF THE COMPANY, HAVE HAD PRIOR RECENT EMPLOYMENT AT
THE USDA. THIS INFORMATION FURTHER INDICATES THAT THESE TWO MEN HAVE
RECENTLY CONTACTED SEVERAL USDA OFFICIALS CONCERNING COMMERCIAL
SOLVENTS - INTERESTS IN THE RECEIVERSHIP OF ESTES - ENTERPRISES.

IT IS ACCORDINGLY REQUESTED THAT AN INVESTIGATION BE CONDUCTED
TO DETERMINE -

25 MAY 22, 1962

A. THE HISTORY AND DATES OF THE EMPLOYMENTS OF BERGER AND
MC CONNELL BY COMMERCIAL SOLVENTS INCLUDING THEIR DUTIES.

B. ALL CONTACTS IN PERSON, BY TELEPHONE OR ANY OTHER METHOD BY
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BERGER AND MC CONNELL DURING AND AFTER THEIR EMPLOYMENT BY USDA WITH OFFICIALS OF THE USDA RELATING TO ESTES, HIS ENTERPRISES, AND COMMERCIAL SOLVENTS CORPORATION. THIS WILL INCLUDE -

/ONE/ THE NATURE OF THE CONTACT

/TWO/ WHAT IN DETAIL WAS SAID BY BERGER, MC CONNELL AND THE USDA OFFICIAL CONTACTED.

/THREE/ THE PERSONS WHO WERE PRESENT AT THE TIME OF THE CONTACT.

/FOUR/ THE DATE OF CONTACT

/FIVE/ WHAT OFFICIAL ACTION, IF ANY, WAS TAKEN, BY THE USDA FOLLOWING THE CONTACT."

[REDACTED] ADVISED BERGER

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IS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR FIVE TWENTY ONE, SIXTY TWO, BEFORE UNITED STATES SENATE SUB-COMMITTEE. ADVISED MC CONNELL, WHO IS EMPLOYED AS PART TIME CONSULTANT CAN BE REACHED AT JAMAC FARMS, MANSFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA.

PHILADELPHIA CONTACT MC CONNELL AND ASCERTAIN REQUESTED INFORMATION.
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BALTIMORE ADVISE WHETHER BERGER HAS BEEN INTERVIEWED REGARDING
INSTANT MATTER. IF NOT, ADVISE WFO SO THAT BERGER CAN BE INTERVIEWED.

HISTORY AND DATES OF EMPLOYMENT BEING OBTAINED NEW YORK AND WILL
BE SUBMITTED BY TELETYPE WHEN AVAILABLE.

ESTES MAY HAVE SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

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cc: Mr Benjamin

SAC, Washington Field

May 21, 1962

Director, FBI

**BILLIE SOL ESTES
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF
STOLEN PROPERTY - BRIBERY**

The Department on May 21, 1962, authorized the interview of [redacted] in the presence of her [redacted]

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WFO should immediately contact [redacted] to set up an appointment for the interview or [redacted] presence in the near future.

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The Bureau should be advised promptly results of this interview.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (29-28704)
 FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (87-8671) (RUC)
 SUBJECT: BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL
 BRIBERY; COI
 OO: DALLAS

5/16/62. Re Atlanta teletype to Director and Dallas,

Caution statement inadvertently omitted from referenced communication. Please handle. Atlanta copies corrected.

ESTES REPORTED TO HAVE SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

- 3 - Bureau (AMSD)
 1 - Dallas (58-188) (AMSD)
 1 - Richmond (58-185) (AMSD)
 1 - Atlanta

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Special Agent in Charge

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Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Evans	_____
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URGENT 5-16-62 10-38 AM MST JRH
TO - DIRECTOR, FBI

ATTN - MR. WILLIAM WELTE
FROM- SAC, EL PASO "58-59" 1-P

BILLIE SOL ESTES, AKA, ET. AT., BRIBERY - CONFLICT OF INTEREST.
REVIEW OF RECORDS AT BILLIE SOL ESTES ENTERPRISES.

DETAILED ESTIMATE OF AMOUNT OF TIME REQUIRED TO
COMPLETE REVIEW WILL BE SUBMITTED AT FOUR THIRTY PM EST TODAY.

ESTES MAY HAVE SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.
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URGENT 5-17-62 7-37 PM EST RMM

TO, DIRECTOR, FBI -29-28704

FROM SAC, INDIANAPOLIS -87-9632 1 P

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL., ITSP, MF, CONSPIRACY. OO, EL PASO.

RE MY TEL MAY FIFTEEN LAST.

RECORDS, GENERAL LEASING, FORT WAYNE, IND., REFLECT

ONLY OTHER

HAVE BEEN THREE LOCAL ATTORNEYS WHO ORGANIZED

CORPORATION.

LEASING,

INC., FORT WAYNE, INTERVIEWED MAY SEVENTEEN. VERIFIED INFO FURNISHED
BY HELLER CO., CHICAGO, ILL., THAT SOME TRANSACTIONS
INITIATED UNDER LEASING, INC., BUT WERE TAKEN OVER BY GENERAL
LEASING. STATES HAD NO KNOWLEDGE FRAUD, NOR BELIEVES
HIS ASSOCIATES HAD KNOWLEDGE.

NOT AVAILABLE MAY SEVENTEEN. LOCAL

ACCOUNTANT WHO HAS FINANCIAL RECORD GENERAL LEASING OUT OF STATE.
PROBABLY AVAILABLE MAY TWENTYONE NEXT. NEXT INDIANAPOLIS TEL
THAT DATE UNLESS OTHER DEVELOPMENTS. OO ADVISED AM.
ESTES MAY HAVE SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (29-28704)

FROM: SAC, WFO (87-8242) (P)

BILLIE SOL ESTES, aka, ET AL
ITSP; BRIBERY; COI
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ReBuairtel 5/14/62.

Enclosed for the Bureau are four copies of a letterhead memorandum, which is self-explanatory. This letterhead memorandum contains information furnished SAA BERNARD M. MABES by [redacted] USDA, instant date. Enclosed is one copy of letterhead memorandum for Dallas for information.

ESTES REPORTED TO HAVE SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

- ③ - Bureau (Enc. 4)
1 - Dallas (58-188) (Enc. 1) (Info)
2 - WFO

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In Reply, Please Refer to
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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.
May 17, 1962

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BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF
STOLEN PROPERTY;
CONFLICT OF INTEREST;
BRIBERY

On May 17, 1962, [redacted]
[redacted] United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), informally
advised a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation,
in the office of Roland F. Ballou, Deputy Administrator for
Commodity Operations, the reason why the Special Agent was having
such a lengthy wait for an interview with Mr. Ballou.

[redacted] stated that USDA officials
had worked until 3:00 a.m., May 17, 1962, preparing a report for
President John F. Kennedy, to be utilized by President Kennedy
in a press conference to be held at 3:30 p.m., May 17, 1962.

[redacted] stated that USDA officials had discovered errors in
numerical figures and such errors had to be corrected and
furnished the President before his press conference.

[redacted] in his explanation as to the reason for
the lengthy wait by the Special Agent, mentioned that the USDA
report contained information that "every bit of money paid
Estes for grain storage was paid during the Eisenhower Adminis-
tration."

It is pointed out that [redacted]
statement was not the result of an interview but, however, was
an informal explanation. Also, [redacted] did not quote the
report itself but was only characterizing information contained
in the report.

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Date: May 17, 1962

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (29-28704) (Attn. General Investigative Division)

FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (87-5578) (C)

BILLIE SOL ESTES, aka, etal
BRIBERY, CONFLICT OF INTEREST, OO DL-58-188, EP-58-59BILLIE SOL ESTES, aka, etal
ITSP, MF - CONSPIRACY, OO - EP-29-351, DL 29-1096.

ReBuRad to all offices 5-14-62 and Dallas Airtel 5-15-62.

Milwaukee office has received no leads this case.

- 3 - Bureau (29-28704) (Air Mail)
- 2 - Dallas (1 - 58-188, 1 - 29-1096) (Air Mail)
- 2 - El Paso (1 - 58-59, 1 - 29-351) (Air Mail)
- 1 - MI 87-5578

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI /29-28704/ ATTENTION. GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE
DIVISION AND SAC, EL PASO /29-351/, SAN ANTONIO, HOUSTON
FROM SAC, DALLAS /58-188/ 4-P

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL, BRIBERY - COI, OO - DALLAS.

DAILY SUMMARY - BRIBERY ASPECTS.

RE WFO AIRTEL MAY ELEVEN LAST.

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[REDACTED]

TEXAS, ADVISED HE

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FIRST MET ESTES IN SEPT. NINETEEN SIXTY WHEN ESTES ENTERED INTO

[REDACTED]

SOUTH PLAINS GRAIN, INC. AND

ADVISED HE WAS EMPLOYED BY [REDACTED] AT THAT TIME. HE STATED
IN JAN. NINETEEN SIXTYONE, ESTES CALLED HIM FROM PECOS, TEXAS
INQUIRING IF [REDACTED] WOULD PERFORM SOME CPA WORK FOR HIM FROM

TIME TO TIME ON A RETAINER BASIS OF SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS ANNUALLY
PAYABLE IN ADVANCE. HE AGREED TO THIS AND A FEW DAYS LATER
SOME PAPERS ARRIVED AT HIS OFFICE IN LUBBOCK THROUGH U. S. MAIL
SUPPOSEDLY LISTING ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH OF ESTES.

HE STATED THAT SAME DAY ESTES CALLED HIM AND INSTRUCTED HIM TO

PREPARE A FINANCIAL STATEMENT FROM THE FIGURES MAILED TO HIM

AND SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED THIS BE PREPARED ON [REDACTED] LETTER-

HEAD STATIONERY. [REDACTED] TOLD ESTES HE WOULD NOT CERTIFY TO

THE ACCURACY OF THE FIGURES AND WOULD HAVE TO PLACE A DIS-

CLAIMER CLAUSE ON THE REPORT. ESTES AGREED TO THIS CONDITION

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AND HE PREPARED THE REPORT AND MAILED IT TO ESTES. HE STATED THAT HE MADE COPIES OF THE FIGURES FROM THE PAPERS FURNISHED TO HIM BY ESTES AND THAT HE DID NOT KNOW FOR WHAT REASON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT WAS BEING PREPARED. HE STATED THAT HE AND [REDACTED] THEN DECIDED THEY WOULD NOT PRE-

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PARE ANY MORE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS UNLESS THEY WERE PERMITTED TO REVIEW THE SUPPORTING RECORDS. HE STATED HE AND [REDACTED] THEN RECEIVED A CHECK ON ESTES ENTERPRISE FOR SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS REPRESENTING A YEARS RETAINER FEE. IN ABOUT JULY, NINETEEN SIXTYONE, ESTES MAILED HIM SOME MORE PAPERS ON AGRICULTURE INC. AND WANTED ANOTHER STATEMENT PREPARED. HE WROTE ESTES FOR FULL IDENTITY OF EACH ACCOUNT, EACH CUSTOMER REPRESENTED BY ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE AND A COMPLETE BREAKDOWN OF ALL INVENTORY LISTED. HE STATED THAT SOME THIRTY DAYS LATER HE RECEIVED PART OF THE INFORMATION REQUESTED AND AGAIN WROTE ESTES ADVISING HIM HE WOULD NOT PREPARE THE REPORT UNLESS HE RECEIVED ALL THE INFORMATION. HE STATED HE NEVER RECEIVED THIS INFORMATION AND HAD NO FURTHER CONTACT NOR PERFORMED ANY ADDITIONAL WORK FOR
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ESTES. HE STATED ABOUT MARCH TWENTYSIX LAST, HE BURNED ALL
CORRESPONDENCE AND WORK PAPERS OF ESTES- TRANSACTIONS AS HE
DID NOT -WANT TO GET INVOLVED WITH ESTES-. [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] TEXAS.

ATTEMPTS BEING MADE IMMEDIATELY TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW

[REDACTED] TEXAS.

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ON MAY SIXTEEN INSTANT [REDACTED] FORMER BUREAU
AGENT [REDACTED] LEETWOOD BUREAU, EXCHANGE BANK
BUILDING, DALLAS, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED IS CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION
RE ESTES MATTER. [REDACTED] OBTAINED INFORMATION RE SUICIDE OF
HENRY MARSHALL. IN MARCH, SIXTYTWO, [REDACTED] TEXAS,
[REDACTED] SOUTHWEST FERTILIZER AND
CHEMICAL COMPANY, EL PASO, TEXAS, WAS DISCUSSING INVESTIGATION
RE ESTES. ESTES SAID -NOT TO WORRY, FOR FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS
I CAN GET A MAN BUMPED OFF THROUGH CONNECTIONS IN CHICAGO-.

[REDACTED] DID NOT STATE WHOM CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION FOR AND DID NOT
FURNISH FURTHER INFORMATION. INFERRED WOULD FURNISH FURTHER INFO
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IF DESIRED. UACB, WILL BE CONTACTED TOMORROW AM AND INFO OF VALUE IMMEDIATELY FURNISHED.

FIVE USDA EMPLOYEES DALLAS INTERVIEWED TODAY PER DEPARTMENT REQUEST, BUTEL MAY FOURTEEN LAST, NO SUBSTANTIAL NEW INFORMATION DEVELOPED, LETTERHEAD MEMO BEING PREPARED. LEE ROGERS, WANNER LISTED BY DEPARTMENT FOR REINTERVIEW, ON EXTENDED SICK LEAVE FOLLOWING RECENT COLLAPSE IN OFFICE AND HOSPITALIZATION. ON ADVICE WANNER-S PHYSICIANS, NOT INTERVIEWED THIS DATE, FURTHER TESTS RE POSSIBLE HEART AILMENT TO BE CONCLUDED MONDAY NEXT FOLLOWING WHICH PHYSICIANS WILL BE RECONTACTED.

RE RICHMOND TEL TODAY. DALLAS TELEPHONE TA THREE DASH ZERO NINE EIGHT TWO, PHONE FROM WHICH JAMES RALPH CALLED RESIDENCE MMC LEAN, VA., LISTED TO UNPUBLISHED PAY STATION E. J. MILLER GROCERY NO. TWO, THREE TWO FOUR FOUR SAMUELS BOULEVARD, DALLAS.

RE ITSP ASPECTS

SUCCESSFUL INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED WITH [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] TEXAS, INDIVIDUALS WHO SIGNED SALES CONTRACTS AND, OR CHATTEL MORTGAGES GENERATED BY MC SPADDEN.

ESTES MAY HAVE SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

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**BILLIE SOL ESTES
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION
OF STOLEN PROPERTY;
BRIBERY**

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**This information should not be made public pending
issuance of a subpoena duces tecum which should be directed**

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Billie Sol Estes

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NOTE: Information set forth was obtained from San Antonio airtel 5-16-62 (SA file 87-5025).

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (29-28704)

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (87-5025)

RE: BILLIE SOL ESTES, aka., ET AL
BRIBERY - CONFLICT OF INTEREST
OO: DALLAS

Re San Antonio teletype to Bureau and SACS, El Paso
and Dallas dated 5/7/62. re request of [redacted]

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA [redacted] on 5/15/62:

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- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 2)
2 - Dallas (58-188) (Enc. 1)
2 - El Paso (58-59) (Enc. 1)
2 - San Antonio

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Special Agent in Charge

SA 87-5025

[redacted] is the person to whom a subpoena should
be issued.

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Confidential Source (protect identity) [redacted]

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The Attorney General

May 18, 1962

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Director, FBI

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BILLIE SOL ESTES
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF
STOLEN PROPERTY - BRIBERY

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This is with reference to our attempts to interview Mr. Jerry R. Holleman, former Assistant Secretary of Labor. We first contacted Mr. Holleman on May 11, 1962, at which time he made an appointment to be interviewed on May 14, 1962. He thereafter resigned and made public statements admitting that he had received a \$1,000 gift from Estes.

He was not available for interview on May 14, 1962, and made another appointment for May 17, 1962. We checked at his former office and at his residence on May 17, 1962, and could only determine that he departed for the State of Texas early on the morning of May 17, 1962. The advice we have received indicated that he is attempting to obtain a position in Texas and will return by May 21, 1962. We were unable to develop additional information concerning Holleman on the morning of May 18, 1962.

Efforts to locate Mr. Holleman for interview are continuing and you will be further advised in this matter.

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- 1 - The Deputy Attorney General
- 1 - Mr. Herbert J. Miller, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

- Tolson
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (29-28704)

FROM: SAC, WFO (87-8242) (P)

BILLIE SOL ESTES, et al
ITSP; BRIBERY; COI
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On 5/17/62, at 10:20 a.m., SA EUGENE W. WHITWAM telephonically contacted [redacted] JERRY R. HOLLEMAN. [redacted] advised that HOLLEMAN had departed for the State of Texas early on 5/17/62, and that he would not return to WDC until either Sunday night or Monday morning, 5/21/62. She stated that she has no knowledge as to where HOLLEMAN can be contacted in Texas. She stated that inasmuch as HOLLEMAN is scheduled to return to WDC by 5/21/62, he could be contacted at his residence 624 Delashmutt Circle, Falls Church, Virginia, phone CL 6-9155.

She stated that in the event there is no answer at this phone number on 5/21/62, a call could be made to her office and that HOLLEMAN may have been in touch with her by that time.

SA [redacted] was telephonically contacted and requested to make continuous efforts during the day to determine the whereabouts of HOLLEMAN in the State of Texas. He was advised to immediately telephonically contact Supervisor GRANT E. NANNA, WFO, upon learning of the whereabouts of HOLLEMAN.

ESTES REPORTED TO HAVE SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: May 17, 1962

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: BILLIE SOL ESTES
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STOLEN PROPERTY - BRIBERY

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This is to advise of additional developments in our investigation into the "Washington Project" and our attempt to secure documentation of the same.

This morning Agents of our El Paso Office interviewed

[redacted] Billie Sol Estes and [redacted] advised that to his knowledge there is only one enterprise or account known as the "Washington Project." This was a housing project involving the purchase of numerous houses; moving and refinishing these houses in the Spokane, Washington, area during the middle 1950s, which enterprise Estes entered into prior to [redacted] employment.

According to [redacted] also involved in this project was Frank Clements (we will be alert to determine if this is former governor of Tennessee) of Dickson, Tennessee, [redacted] Texas, [redacted] Texas, and [redacted] Washington.

[redacted] has advised that the "Washington Project" is only one of numerous enterprises Estes was involved in in the 1950s dealing with the buying and selling of surplus Government houses.

There is also a general ledger account for the year 1957 headed "Washington Project" and as of 12-31-57, the credit balance was \$12,512.15. Numerous financial statements, canceled checks, check stubs for various periods, as well as correspondence, bills and vouchers relating to the "Washington Project" were located therein. Photostat documentation has been procured of pertinent items and is being forwarded to the Bureau. These will be carefully analyzed insofar as possible on receipt. A review of the checks and stubs discloses that payments appear to be in the usual course of the operation of a housing project.

According to the files on [redacted] was Estes!

[redacted] Washington, and [redacted] Texas! Chamber of Commerce.

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RE: BILLIE SOL ESTES

||| We have still not reached the point where we feel
that we can say that the "Washington Project" involves only
the instant housing project and are sure that no Washington
politicians are involved.

ACTION TAKEN

We have issued instructions to the field to locate
and interview the individuals reported to have been active
with Estes in this housing project as well as instructions
for the Dallas Office to locate and interview [redacted]
relative to his association with this project.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: BILLIE SOL ESTES
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This is to set forth a review of the principal new developments, pending investigation and completed investigation in the captioned matter.

NEW DEVELOPMENTS"Washington Project"

State Attorney General Wilson of Texas, in his press releases, indicated that he had records of a "Washington Project" among the Estes files. He left an implication that this money was channeled to Washington, D. C., and his press release cited three checks, totaling \$145,015.14.

We interviewed Wilson and his assistant with negative results. Investigation has disclosed that Estes' enterprises carries a ledger account in the name of the "Washington Project," which purportedly dealt with surplus Government houses in and around Spokane, Washington. With reference to the three checks cited in the Wilson press release, these appear to be checks drawn to pay debts of Estes' enterprises.

The Attorney General was advised of the above on the morning of May 15, 1962. We are thoroughly inquiring into this project and will secure documenting information.

The new development in the "Washington Project" requires that we review all available ledgers, checks, and supporting documents as well as to conduct interviews with personnel who have been identified today. This has required leads to the Dallas, Seattle, Memphis, El Paso, Baltimore, and New York Offices.

Cotton Pool Allotments - Wheat Storage

The investigation ordered on May 14, 1962, in this matter will result in the interview of personnel in the Department of Agriculture

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from Undersecretary Murphy down through the local aspects both at Washington, D. C., and in the Texas area. The investigation is directed towards determining whether Estes received favorable treatment and includes investigation into Congressional pressure.

The Department on 5/16/62 requested we expand our investigation under this program to determine the chronology of Estes' participation in Cotton Advisory Committee activity and any action or recommendations made by Estes while a member of subject committee.

Telephone Checks

We have conducted extensive telephone checks in the Estes matter one of which resulted in the dismissal of Dr. James T. Ralph, an official of the Department of Agriculture. This check was confined to the period since January 1, 1961. The Department has now requested a check confirming long distance calls charged to Estes' telephone credit card ^{since} January 1, 1958. This investigation has been ordered and is being extended to all long distance calls made from Estes' business or residence telephones whether or not made through the use of his credit card.

Commercial Solvents Corporation

Commercial Solvents Corporation, one of the largest fertilizer firms in the country was possibly connected in the Sol Estes case. We have obtained for the Department all the records of the Commercial Solvents Corporation relating to their dealing with Billie Sol Estes. A Bureau accountant is assisting the Department in reviewing these documents for possible violations.

The new investigation in this matter involves interview of officials of Commercial Solvents Corporation who had any transaction with Billie Sol Estes.

Jerry R. Holleman - Assistant Secretary of Labor

We contacted Holleman for an interview in the Estes matter and he made an appointment for May 14, 1962. During the interim, he resigned admitting that he had received a \$1,000 gift from Estes. He has now refused to be interviewed until May 17, 1962.

Attempt to contact Holleman for interview on 5/17/62, as scheduled brought forth the information that he had left town and now will not be available for interview for possibly one week.

Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
RE: BILLIE SOL ESTES

PENDING INVESTIGATION

Mary K. Jones

Mary K. Jones is former secretary to N. Battle Hales. Hales has continually indicated that with access to Agriculture files he could pinpoint instances of favoritism. Despite repeated interviews, the last one as late as May 14, 1962, he has been unable to prove his allegations.

His secretary, Mary K. Jones, was taken to a hospital April 25, 1962, under circumstances indicating a lack of complete mental balance. Hales made allegations which were referred to the Department to the effect that she was removed in order to prevent him from obtaining assistance in reviewing Agriculture records. We are investigating all aspects of this.

We have interviewed the doctor who examined Miss Jones, police officers, fellow employees, and neighbors. We also obtained copies of the mental health reports and records of the U. S. District Court, D. C., including a commitment order signed by U. S. District Judge Edward M. Curran dated 4/26/62. This information has been furnished to the Department.

Congressional Tax Returns

The Department of Justice has requested that we obtain the address and name of spouse of 43 individuals. This is to enable the Department to obtain their income tax returns. One Senator and five Congressmen are listed. This request was received on the morning of May 15, 1962, and investigation is going forward.

Accounting Investigation

On May 4, 1962, the Department requested all financial statements and related documents filed by Estes with the Department of Agriculture in connection with his activities as a grain warehouseman. Over 3,800 documents have been obtained and are now in Washington Field Office being reviewed. Leads are being set out as the review is being done. We are also reviewing Estes' records in the receiver's office in Texas.

Bank Records

We are reviewing all Estes' bank accounts, and bank records maintained by Estes' enterprises now in possession of the receiver.

Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
RE: BILLIE SOL ESTES

Deaths in the Estes Case

There have been two mysterious deaths in the Estes matter, the first on June 3, 1961, of one Henry Marshall, who was shot five times in the abdomen by a bolt action rifle. The local officials ruled this as suicide but we are investigating the matter.

George A. Krutilek, who located farmers for Estes, who did participate in his fraudulent scheme, was found dead April 5, 1962. Although this appears to be a legitimate death, we are investigating all aspects.

Estes' Enterprises

Estes had under his control or ownership over 40 enterprises. We are identifying these enterprises and contacting pertinent Government agencies to determine the extent of the business done by that agency with Estes or any of his enterprises.

Election Laws

On May 16, 1962, a request for investigation of an Election Law violation was received and it has been ordered.

COMPLETED INVESTIGATION

William E. Morris, James T. Ralph and Emery Jacobs

Both Morris and Ralph have been dismissed from the Department because of their implication with an acceptance of gratuities from Estes. Jacobs has resigned.

Antitrust

The Department has been advised of facts indicating a possibility of violation of the Antitrust Law. In line with established policy we are conducting no investigation of Antitrust matters unless specifically requested to do so by the Department.

Interstate Transportation of Stolen Property (ITSP)

The most important segment of the investigation is the fact that very early in the case we established an ITSP violation, arrested Estes and three of his associates and subsequently obtained an indictment. Our investigation is continuing and we may develop an additional subject.

Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
RE: BILLIE SOL ESTES

Vice President Johnson and Secretary of Agriculture Freeman

Allegations were received that Lyndon Johnson, Vice President of the United States and Orville Freeman, Secretary of the Agriculture Department, had accepted gratuities from Estes. Freeman was interviewed and denied the charges. Appointments were made to interview Vice President Johnson, which he did not keep; however, his Administrative Assistant Walter Jenkins categorically denied all charges. The Attorney General was advised that we would take no further action unless requested to do so. No request has been received.

Any information indicating a possible Federal violation or connection with the current matter is being given immediate attention.

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Memorandum

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: MAY 18 1962

FROM : *[initials]* Herbert J. Miller, Jr., Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division

SUBJECT: Billie Sol Estes

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W. J. King

Reference is made to our memorandum to you dated May 9, 1962 concerning a request to investigate the death of Henry H. Marshall. Because of this injection into the Estes matter of possible homicide, it is requested that Texas be interviewed concerning his statement before the Texas Court of Inquiry that his testimony before the court posed danger to himself and to his family.

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MemorandumTO : Mr. Belmont *AB*

DATE: May 7, 1962

FROM : Mr. Rosen *RM*SUBJECT: **BILLIE SOL ESTES
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This is to advise you further of the developments in this case regarding N. Battle Hales, a Staff Assistant in the United States Department of Agriculture.

On page 1 of the Saturday, May 5, issue of the Evening Star, an article by Miriam Ottenberg referred to a press conference at the Department of Agriculture, Friday. Hales and a number of top officials of the Department were present during this press conference.

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[redacted] United States Department of Agriculture, at the press conference stated that Hales had been interviewed by the FBI which "interpreted his problem as an administrative one in the Department over which the FBI had no jurisdiction or interest."

ACTION:

The FBI has never denied having an "interest" in this case. The United States Department of Agriculture telephonically contacted the Washington Field Office and offered a copy of a transcript of the press conference on which the "Star" article was based. It will be obtained and reviewed, after which you will be further advised.

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont *W*

FROM : A. Rosen *R*

SUBJECT: BILLIE SOL ESTES
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DATE: May 19, 1962

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This is to advise of a writ served on Estes by the Immigration and Naturalization authorities.

[Redacted] U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, advised that Estes was served with a Notice of Prevention of Departure at 10:30 PM (12:30 AM Washington time) by a Border Patrolman from El Paso. The writ was served on Estes at his home, Pecos, Texas.

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The writ is notification to Estes that if he leaves the United States, he is in violation of Section 215 of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

Section 215 provides for travel control of citizens and aliens during war or times of national emergency so proclaimed by the President. It makes it unlawful for any citizen to depart from or enter or attempt to depart from or enter the United States unless he bears a valid passport. The penalty for violation of this is \$5,000 and/or five years imprisonment. It has been determined from a check of Department of State records that Estes does not have a valid passport.

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To: SACs, Washington Field (Enclosure)
Seattle (Enclosure)

From: Director, FBI

BILLIE SOL-ESTES
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Attached hereto is a self-explanatory request received from the Department for investigation concerning Congressman H. Carl Andersen of Minnesota.

Washington Field Office and Seattle should conduct their interviews during normal business hours.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (29-28704)

FROM: SAC, WFO (87-8242)

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_____ Dr. JAMES T. RALPH,
lives, advised 5/19/62 _____ has not been home since
Thursday last and believed she had gone to her mother's home
near Richmond, Va. During interview, _____ telephoned
and advised she was at Dr. RALPH's home minding his children
while he is on a trip to Tennessee. Agreed to interview on
Monday, 5/21/62, and will contact on that morning as to where
she will be available for the interview.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (29-28704)

FROM: SAC, WFO (87-8242) (P)

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ITSP; BRIBERY; COI
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On 5/17/62, [redacted]

[redacted] JERRY R. HOLLEMAN, former Assistant Secretary of Labor, advised telephonically she had not the slightest idea where the HOLLEMANS were in Texas, D.C.

She replied "I don't know" to practically every question asked of her in an effort to determine the whereabouts of the HOLLEMANS.

She claimed she knew nothing whatsoever concerning the personal life, friends, relatives and neighbors of the HOLLEMAN family.

Inquiry at HOLLEMAN's former office in Dept. of Labor has failed to disclose his present whereabouts.

Bureau, through liaison, is requested to contact appropriate officials at the Dept. of Labor in an effort to determine HOLLEMAN's present whereabouts.

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Memorandum

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: MAY 15 1962

FROM : Herbert J. Miller, Jr., Assistant Attorney
General, Criminal DivisionHJM:FWB:maf
120-76-117SUBJECT: Billie Sol Estes
Fraud Against the Government.

Reference is made to a telephone conversation between [redacted] of this office and Mr. Thomas Curran concerning three checks amounting to \$145,000 dated January 16, 1962 allegedly cashed by Billie Sol Estes in Austin, Texas. It is requested that it be ascertained whether or not the proceeds of these checks, or any part thereof, were given to or offered to any of the producers, who had transferred cotton allotments to Estes, for the purpose of making installment payments on land purchased from Estes to indicate to the Department of Agriculture the bona fide nature of such purchases. A list of such purchases is contained in the Department of Agriculture report of October 27, 1961.

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Robert Curran
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TO: ALL CASES
FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI
BILSOL (CHANGED)

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ReBurd to all offices 5-12-62.

The title is marked changed since this matter was formerly carried as Billie Sol Estes, ITSP - Bribery.

All offices should recognize this case must receive the highest priority in all its phases. The following aspects are being set up:

The title of the case will hereafter be BILSOL. In communications other than reports if at all possible, the title should be followed by identifying information such as the name of the individual that the communication covers or the aspect of this case being covered; for example, if the investigation deals with William E. Morris, the title would read BILSOL - MORRIS. In all communications except reports and letterhead memoranda, there will be no need to have a character. In reports the character should be the same as would be used in any other case dependent on the contents of the report. For information of all offices our mail in the BILSOL case at the Bureau is being channeled to one desk and one file. This is not necessarily true in the field since some offices for administrative purposes have separated it into two categories and sometimes three. Therefore, the character in the reports should reflect the contents of the report; for example, if entire report deals with election law character, the character should be Election Laws. If the content of the report deals with ITSP, the character should be ITSP. If the content of the report deals with many violations, then the usual Bureau rule for dual character should be used with ITSP being first.

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in separate aspects of this case. It is also possible that other violations will be discovered in which other offices would normally be office of origin. The Bureau instructs that WFO be designated as office of origin for all aspects of the BILCOL case.

The El Paso and Dallas offices should make certain that WFO is in possession of all pertinent information not previously furnished to them.

The Bureau is interested in all aspects of this matter. Therefore, Agents in all offices should be canvassed to determine the identity and nature of any contacts they might have within the Department of Agriculture that could be a potential source of information. You should not limit this. Agents handling applicant matters and security matters should also be canvassed. Bureau should be advised of any information developed.

It should be realized that information concerning some phases of this investigation could have resulted from past investigation. It is suggested now that those offices not previously concerned with the case and which have not reviewed their indices should do so and furnish the Bureau any information that could reasonably be expected to have bearing upon the instant case, irrespective of whether or not it is within Bureau jurisdiction.

For information of all offices the case is presently divided at the Bureau by the following subheadings:

Dr. James T. Ralph
Washington Project
Cotton Allotment Program
Interview of Department of Agric. Officials
Deaths in Estes Case
Internal Revenue Check
Estes Enterprises
Grain Storage
Commercial Solvents
ITSP
Bank Records

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RE: BILSOL (CHANGED)

Accounting Investigation
Election Laws
Antitrust
Jerry Holleman
William E. Morris
Emery Jacobs
Ralph W. Yarborough
L. T. Rutherford
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If communications deal with more than one aspect of investigation, appropriate subheading should be set forth along the line set out above. It will not be necessary in future communications to carry the suicidal tendency statement of Estes.

All offices submit six copies of all reports to the Bureau.

Where material is submitted for dissemination to the Department prior to incorporating same in an investigative report, to avoid duplication of typing, it will be satisfactory to submit copies of FD-302's rather than the usual letterhead memorandum. Thereafter, in accordance with report writing rules, copies of the 302's should be incorporated into all reports.

As set out in previous instructions to all offices the responsibility that the Bureau has in this matter cannot be stressed too strongly. It is of the utmost importance that we resolve all phases of this investigation in a most probative and expedient manner to cover all possible irregularities.

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TO SACS, WFO (BY SPECIAL MESSENGER)
RICHMOND

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

BILLIE SOL ESTES; ITSP DASH BRIBERY; JERRY R. HOLLEMAN.

INVESTIGATION SHOULD IMMEDIATELY BE INITIATED BY WFO
AND RICHMOND RELATIVE TO JERRY R. HOLLEMAN, FORMER ASSISTANT
SECRETARY OF LABOR, TO DETERMINE HIS PAST ASSOCIATION AND
DEALINGS WITH ESTES OR THE ESTES ENTERPRISES. YOU SHOULD
INCLUDE A CHECK OF ALL AVAILABLE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND
BANK ACCOUNTS. INQUIRIES AT DEPARTMENT OF LABOR SHOULD
DETERMINE IF ESTES HAS HAD PREVIOUS CONTACT WITH THE LABOR
DEPARTMENT AND IF HOLLEMAN EVER INTERCEDED ON BEHALF OF
ESTES RELATIVE TO SUCH CONTACTS.

SUTEL RESULTS OF INQUIRIES AND FOLLOW WITH DETAILED
SUMMARY SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION.

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TO: Washington Field Office (Enc.)
El Paso
Dallas

FROM: Director, FBI

BILLIE SOL ESTES
ITSP - BRIBERY

Re Baltimore teletype 5-21-62.

There is attached for Washington Field the results of an interview with Walter Berger as set out in retel.

Information has been received that there will be a meeting of Estes' creditors in El Paso on 5-24-62. The Department has requested that any information concerning favoritism shown to Estes by Berger when Berger was employed at the Department of Agriculture should be expedited. If such information exists it would be desirable to have it prior to the meeting.

Washington Field Office contact re Berger's activities.

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FROM DIRECTOR FBI

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STATEMENT BEFORE TEXAS COURT OF INQUIRY THAT HIS TESTIMONY
BEFORE THE COURT POSED DANGER TO HIMSELF AND HIS FAMILY.
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NOTE:

Based on letter from Department dated 5/18/62.

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TO SAC DALLAS

FROM DIRECTOR 1 P

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ITSP DASH BRIBERY.

IN CONNECTION WITH DEATH OF HENRY H. MARSHALL, DEPARTMENT HAS
REQUESTED INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TEXAS. [REDACTED]

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TO: SACS, EL PASO
RICHMOND

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

BILLIE SOL ESTES; ITSP; BRIBERY; COI.

REBUTEL TO DALLAS AND EL PASO MAY SEVENTEEN LAST.

EL PASO SUBMIT REPORT REFLECTING REVIEW OF ESTES' TELEPHONE
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OF SUBSCRIBERS AS RECEIVED FROM AUXILIARY OFFICES. COPIES OF THIS
REPORT ARE TO BE DIRECTED TO WASHINGTON FIELD WITH A LEAD FOR
WASHINGTON FIELD TO CHECK IDENTIFIED SUBSCRIBERS TO ASCERTAIN IF
ANY ARE EMPLOYEES OF DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

IN CONNECTION WITH PENDING ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION IN IDENTIFYING
LONG DISTANCE PHONE CALLS MADE FROM ESTES' BUSINESS AND RESIDENCE
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RICHMOND
RE: BILLIE SOL ESTES

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RICHMOND
RE: BILLIE SOL ESTES

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FROM DIRECTOR 3 P

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URGENT 5-19-62 10-27 PM NH
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FROM DIRECTOR 3 P

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE:

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

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Page D386. The Senate Committee on Government Operations, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, held executive hearings on May 21, 1962, in connection with the Billie Sol Estes case but made no announcements.

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for _____ was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

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1 - Mr. Thompson
1 - Mr. Curran

To: SAC, Washington Field

From: Director, FBI

BILLIE SOL ESTES
ITSP - BRIBERY

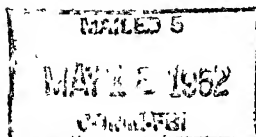
With reference to the investigation of Morris, Ralph, Jacobs and Holleman, consideration should be given to obtaining any records still in the possession of the departments for which they worked.

This would include desk calendars, diaries, records of calls or callers and similar documents.

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Mr. Herbert J. Miller, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

May 22, 1962

Director, FBI

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. Welte
1 - Mr. Curran
1 - Mr. Benjamin

BILLIE SOL ESTES
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF
STOLEN PROPERTY - BRIBERY

This will confirm a telephone conversation between
[redacted] of the Department and SA [redacted]
of this Bureau on May 21, 1962.

The previous interviews with N. Battle Hales, United States
Department of Agriculture official and his secretary, Mary K. Jones,
were discussed. Advice was requested from [redacted] as to
whether Mary K. Jones should be reinterviewed in the presence of her
attorney, N. Battle Hales.

[redacted] stated Miss Jones should be reinterviewed in the
presence of Hales, if she so desired, for all information in her possession
concerning this case. During the interview, if Hales is present, he should
be asked to specify exactly which files of the Department of Agriculture
would be needed by him to substantiate his allegations that Estes was
given preferential treatment by the Department of Agriculture.

This investigation is being conducted and you will be advised.

1 - Mr. Evans
1 - Mr. DeLoach

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